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Georgia

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Installation

Installation Overview

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Welcome to the U.S. Army Signal Center and the Central Savannah River Area! Located just a few miles southwest of the city of Augusta, Georgia, Fort Gordon has a work force of over 4,600 civilians and more than 12,000 soldiers. The post is located in Richmond County and our Gate 2 is only a few hundred yards from Columbia County. You'll hear the local area referred to as the "CSRA", which stands for the Central Savannah River Area, a group of 13 Georgia and South Carolina counties along the Savannah River which forms the state border.

Fort Gordon is 139 miles from Atlanta, home of the 1996 Olympics and the Atlanta Braves, Hawks, Falcons, and Thrashers. We are also 138 miles from the charm of Charleston, South Carolina, 211 miles from the beaches, entertainment, and golf courses of Myrtle Beach, and 122 miles from the historic streets of Savannah.

When making phone calls on Ft. Gordon or in the Augusta area please follow these guidelines: If you are calling a post number, regardless of your location, you must dial 791 and the last four. All calls to Eisenhower Medical Center, regardless of location, must begin with 787 and the last four. The DSN prefix for post is 780. The DSN prefix for Eisenhower is 773. The area code for post and the Augusta area is 706.

Camp Gordon, named for Confederate Lieutenant General John Brown Gordon, was activated for infantry and armor training during World War II. During the war, its 55,000 acres served as a divisional training base for the 4th and 26th Infantry Divisions and the 10th Armored Division that fought in Europe in General George S. Patton's Third Army. (The inactivated 10th Armored Division still calls Fort Gordon home).

After World War II, over 85,000 officers and enlisted personnel were discharged from Camp Gordon's Army Personnel Center. Other facilities included a U.S. Disciplinary Barracks and, beginning in 1943, a prisoner of war camp for German and Italian World War II captives.

Camp Gordon, almost deserted after June 1948, came to life in September 1948 with the establishment of the Signal Corps Training Center. The post's training mission grew with the addition of the Military Police School in September 1948 and the activation of the Engineer Aviation Unit Training Center in January 1949. (The latter remained at Camp Gordon for only one year.)

The Korean conflict again placed Camp Gordon center stage in preparing soldiers for combat. In addition to communications personnel at the Signal Training Center's Signal Corps Replacement Training Center and Signal Unit Training Group, MPs trained for combat assignments while the 51st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Brigade formed three detachments before moving to Camp Stewart, Georgia. In 1950, the installation became the site for Military Government Training for the Army. Also during the decade, Camp Gordon was home to the only Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory in the continental United States as well as a Rehabilitation Training Center and a U.S. Disciplinary Barracks. In 1953, the Basic Replacement Training Center and the Advanced Leader's School provided basic training and advanced leadership training. (Both were inactivated in 1955.) The Civil Affairs School arrived in 1955 as part of the Civil Affairs and Military Government School.

Camp Gordon, becoming a permanent Army installation on March 21, 1956, was redesignated Fort Gordon. The U.S. Army Training Center (Basic) was activated here in 1957.

During the Vietnam War, infantry, military police and signal soldiers trained at Fort Gordon. While Signal Corps training continued to expand throughout the 1960s, other activities ceased through postwar deactivations and the Military Police School's move to Fort McClellan, Alabama.

In June 1962, all activities of the Signal Corps Training Center were reorganized under the U.S. Army Southeastern Signal School. Designating the installation the U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, the Army consolidated all communications training at Fort Gordon on October 1, 1974.

The arrival of the Army's Computer Science School was only part of the impetus for the fort's tremendous growth during the 1980s. The following decade found its Mobilization Command deploying numerous troops to Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Shield-Desert Storm (1990-1991). Fort Gordon figures prominently in the post-Cold-War national defense. Still the "Home of the Signal

Regiment," it also supports the 93d Signal Brigade, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade and the Regional Security Operations Center.

Name: US Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-0110
DSN Phone: 780-0110

Must Know Items

For more information on this subject:

Relocation Information

<http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/>

We strongly recommend that you take a look at the relocation section of our website listed above. You'll find services and features there that cannot be provided in SITES. Also, download our new PCS Guide from the site to get complete information on relocation in the military.

If arriving at Fort Gordon by air, you'll land at Bush Field in Augusta. To get to the post, exit from the airport's main entrance and take Tobacco Road. Tobacco Road will lead you directly into the post via Gate 5. If you need ground transportation to the post, exit the airport terminal and you should find a taxi stand. There is no shuttle transportation to the post.

Fort Gordon is best reached via Interstate 20. Take Exit 194 to Belair Road and Dyess Parkway. Follow the Dyess Parkway signs, and also the Fort Gordon signs. By the way, Dyess Parkway is named after Augusta native Jimmie Dyess, the only person to be awarded both the Medal of Honor and the Carnegie Hero Award. Take note that the exit numbers on I-20 were changed in January 2000; Exit 194 may appear on some maps as Exit 63. Also, if approaching from the east (from Columbia), you will see signs directing you to take exit 196A to reach Fort Gordon. Do not exit there, go on to Exit 194 instead so that you will avoid the traffic and construction work on Bobby Jones Expressway. Dyess Parkway will bring you directly into the post through McKenna Gate, also known as Gate 1. Follow the road, which is Chamberlain Avenue, past the guard house. After passing the golf course on the left, you will see Darling Hall, a three story brick building with a red roof, on your left. Darling Hall is the Soldier Service Center and, most likely, your first stop at Fort Gordon.

All personnel arriving at Fort Gordon as permanent party should report to Darling Hall, Building 33720, on the corner of Chamberlain Avenue and Kilbourne Street. When reporting, personnel should have orders, DA Form 31 (Request and Authority for Leave), and all personnel records, as well as medical and dental records. 791-3649.

Personnel assigned to the Gordon Regional Security Operations Center should report to the Gordon Regional Security Operations Center Component Headquarters, Building 28423 on Brainard Avenue. 791-9181.

Trainee/student personnel reporting after 4 p.m. weekdays and on weekends and holidays should report to the Receiving and Processing Company, Building 25710, on Barnes Avenue. 791-8314.

Students arriving for AIT may be granted a weekend pass if accompanied by family members. Students must remain within 100 miles of Fort Gordon. Family members should attend a briefing given by the training brigade at 1500 hrs every Friday in Darling Hall.

Reporting information is also available at the Military Police Station, Building 29717, on Rice Road and B Street, adjacent to Connelly Health Clinic. 791-4380.

Modern lodging facilities with accommodations for 741 temporary duty personnel are available on Fort Gordon. While 188 rooms are specifically designated for the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, all others are routinely assigned to officers, Department of Defense civilians and other enlisted visitors to the installation. Included are Distinguished Visitor Quarters, which are available for general and senior grade officers (other official guests on space available) and Stinson Hall, a favorite with permanent change of station personnel, hospital patients and visitors. Stinson Hall, Building 37300, located on Avenue of the States, is within walking distance to the Post Exchange, bank, credit union and commissary. Administration of these facilities is the responsibility of the Lodging Office, Griffith Hall, Building 250 on Chamberlain Avenue. Advanced reservations are suggested. Lodging's main telephone numbers are: (706) 790-3676; 791-2277 or 791-3644.

The Masters golf tournament is held in Augusta every year, usually during the first full week of April. Hotels and motels, including the guest house, usually are fully booked during that week and the weekends

before and after. Do not come to Fort Gordon or Augusta during that time without a reservation!

If you plan to live in an apartment or rental home, take the time to investigate the location completely. Take a few days to look at various properties in the area rather than rushing in to sign a lease. While the Augusta area is for the most part safe, there are parts of town which are less desirable. There are a few apartment complexes in these areas which are attractive to junior enlisted families due to low rent and relative proximity to post. Ask a lot of questions before signing a lease. Be suspicious if the rent seems to be a great deal. Check with other soldiers in the unit, or with local law enforcement.

The cost of living in the area is low to moderate, so there is no COLA. Most soldiers will be able to find appropriate housing without exceeding the housing allowance. The housing waiting list is long, especially for NCO ranks.

Public School Entrance Requirements

All students must have attained the age of five by September 1 in order to be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten, and must be six years of age by September 1 to enroll in first grade. Provision is made for a child who was a legal resident of one or more states for a period of two years immediately prior to moving to Georgia and who was legally enrolled in a public kindergarten or first grade, or a kindergarten or first grade accredited by a state or regional association. Children in this category are eligible for enrollment provided they will attain the age of five for kindergarten, or six for first grade, by December 31 of the fiscal year.

Georgia law mandates that students attending Georgia schools must be immunized against seven diseases: measles, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio and mumps. Proof of Hepatitis B vaccine is required to enter kindergarten. A Georgia Certificate of Immunization is the only acceptable proof of immunization. This certificate is available from private physicians, Fort Gordon medical personnel, or the county health department.

All students, kindergarten through twelfth grade, will be required to have an adequate immunization certificate on file at the school. Prompt attention should be given to booster requirements to assure up-to-date and adequate immunization.

Each child must have at least one additional dose of MMR vaccine, for a total of two MMR vaccines

administered on or after the child's first birthday and at least 30 days apart, prior to entrance into the sixth grade.

Students who are moving into our system from out of state will be given 90 calendar days from the time of enrollment to present to the school a certificate of immunization. However, documentation must be on file from the Health Department or a physician stating that an immunization sequence has been started and can be completed within the 90-day waiver period.

In addition to the immunization certificate, Georgia also mandates that children entering kindergarten or first grade must have a certificate of eye, ear, and dental examinations. This certificate is also required of students who enter school for the first time in any grade.

Students who enroll for the first time should bring a copy of their most recent report card or grade report to ensure correct grade placement.

Graduation Requirements

The Georgia Board of Education adopts a rule which includes the requirements for receiving a diploma at graduation. A student must meet the requirements for the rule in effect when the student entered the ninth grade for the first time in order to graduate and receive a diploma. The state board may adopt a new rule as it deems necessary. Therefore, it is imperative that new students request a copy of the requirements for their graduation.

Currently, Georgia offers two types of diplomas, Technology/Career Preparatory and College Preparatory. The requirements for the diplomas are similar with the Technology/Career Prep courses being taught as real-world, hands-on courses and the College Prep courses being taught in a more traditional manner. Students, with parental approval, will select courses in which to enroll each year. The selections should be based on needs, abilities, graduation requirements and plans following high school.

In general terms, the state requires four units of english/language arts, three units of science, three units of social studies, one unit of health and physical education. College prep requirements include four units of math; technology/career prep requirements include three units of math. In addition, each course of study requires a combination of foreign languages and electives. Twenty-two units are required to

graduate, twenty-four units are required to graduate with distinction. Seniors must also meet attendance guidelines and pass the Georgia High School Graduation Exam. Again, it is imperative that new students request a copy of the requirements for their graduation.

Students desiring to attend post-secondary school, either technical school or college should determine the particular entrance requirements for the post-secondary school in which they are interested and should register for the courses needed. Special attention should be given to the areas of mathematics, science and foreign language, since post-secondary requirements may vary in those areas.

Richmond County School Calendar for 2003-2004:

Registration7 August
School starts.....12 August
Christmas break.....22 Dec-2 Jan
Spring break.....5-9 April
Last day of school.....21 May

Columbia County School Calendar for 2003-2004:

School starts.....6 August
Christmas break.....22 Dec-2 Jan
Spring break.....5-9 April
Last day of school.....22 May

Special Education

As required by state and federal law, a full continuum of services is provided for students ages 3-21 with special needs. Special education programs include: blind, emotionally/behaviorally disordered, intellectually disabled, orthopedically impaired, other health impaired, severely emotionally disordered, specific learning disabled, speech/language impaired, autistic, significantly developmentally delayed and traumatic brain injured.

Students who are suspected of having a disability must be referred by the Student Support Team for evaluation. After an evaluation is completed, eligibility for special education is determined based on the Georgia rules and regulations. If a student meets eligibility for special education, a committee reviews a student's needs and develops an

Individualized Education Program (IEP). Placement options are then considered by the committee usually moving from the least restrictive environment to the most restrictive environment.

Related services are also provided by the school when it is determined that a student who is receiving special education services is in need of a special service so that the student may benefit from special education. Assistive technology, physical and occupational therapy and special transportation are examples of related services.

Additional special education information may be obtained by calling 706-868-5715 for Columbia County and 706-731-8787 for Richmond County.

Elementary schools offer extended after-school care through the YMCA Prime Time program. Breakfast is available at most schools.

For additional information on schools, please refer to the Education Category and the For Teens Only Subject Area. Also, you may contact the school liaison office for assistance. The phone number is 791-7270.

Full-day and hourly child care is available on post. There are numerous child care facilities off post as well.

Orientations for incoming personnel are held every Tuesday and Friday in the ACS Conference Room, Darling Hall. The orientations begin at 1300 and are a part of inprocessing.

Mail may be sent to the soldier's gaining unit or will be held at the Post Office.

Phone prefix for Fort Gordon is (706)791-xxxx, and for Eisenhower Army Medical Center is (706)787-xxxx.

Weather is unpredictable. Summers are very warm, with highs in the upper 80's and 90's and lows in the 70's. Winter is generally mild, with typical highs in the 50's and lows in the 30's. Augusta is well situated to avoid most natural weather disasters.

Must Know Items

--Installation--	
Site Name	Fort Gordon
Last Updated	October 08, 2003
State/Territory	Georgia
County	Richmond
ZIP Code	30905
Service	USA
Host Command	
Physical Size	55588
--Personnel--	
FSC/ACS Director	VANESSA STANLEY
Relocation Assistance Manager	WILLIAM L. VALENTINE
Relocation Assistance Specialist	PATRICIA HUTCHINSON
--Phones--	
DSN Country Code	
DSN Number	780-3579
Commercial Country Code	
Commercial Area Code	
Commercial Number	706-791-3579
FAX DSN Country Code	
FAX DSN Number	780-7880
FAX Commercial Country Code	
FAX Commercial Area Code	
FAX Commercial Number	706-791-7880
--Official Mailing Address--	
Street Line 1	ATZH-HRS
Street Line 2	
City	Fort Gordon
State/Territory	GA
ZIP Code	30905-5020
--Deliverable Address--	
Street Line 1	Darling Hall, Building 33720
Street Line 2	Room 172
City	Fort Gordon
State/Territory	GA
ZIP Code	30905-5020
E-Mail	valentiw@gordon.army.mil

Geographically Separated or Satellite Locations

Fort Gordon has no geographically separated or satellite locations.

Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)

The only installation within one hour of Fort Gordon is Fort Jackson, SC. Fort Jackson can be reached via I-20 East.

Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)

<i>State/Country</i>	<i>Site Name</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Distance</i>
South Carolina	Fort Jackson	USA	70 miles

Regulations

Traffic: Speed limits are well posted and are strictly enforced. Pedestrians have the right-of-way in crosswalks. Exercise caution in the area around Chamberlain Avenue and Barnes Avenue due to formations and individuals crossing streets. Note that the daytime speed limit on Chamberlain Avenue between 19th Street and Rice Road is now 25 MPH and is strictly enforced.

Vehicle Checks: Entrance to the installation is restricted. ID cards are required for entrance.

Newly assigned or employed personnel are required to register privately owned vehicles within seven working days after arriving at Fort Gordon. The Vehicle Registration Section of the Directorate of Public Safety is located in Darling Hall, Building 33720. Registrants must show a valid driver's license, valid identification card, copy of the registration as provided by the state in which registered, and proof of motor vehicle insurance. 791-3132.

Accidents: All accidents must be reported to Military Police.

Criminal Offenses: Military and civilian laws are strictly enforced.

Restricted Areas: Certain building are designated as restricted areas.

Photography: Permitted anywhere except otherwise designated areas.

All privately owned firearms in the possession of personnel on Fort Gordon must be registered with the Directorate of Public Safety within 72 hours of arrival on the installation. Unloaded weapons, along with three copies of Fort Gordon Form 9243, Personal Firearms Registration, obtained from the unit, must be brought to the Military Police Station, Building 29717, on Rice Road and B Street, adjacent to the Connelly Health Clinic. Enlisted personnel billeted with their organizations must keep privately owned firearms and ammunition in the unit arms room. 791-4380

Name: Game Warden
Address: Bldg 250
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: 791-5033

Name: Military Police
Address: Bldg 29717
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: 791-2572

Name: Vehicle Registration
Address: Darling Hall, Bldg 33720
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: 791-3132

Commonly Referenced Numbers

<i>Name</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>DSN</i>
Army Community Service	(706) 791-3579	780-3579
Army Emergency Relief	(706) 791-3371/7878	780-3371/7878
Barber Shop	(706) 793-0230	N/A
Beauty Shop	(706) 793-0185	N/A
Billeting	(706) 791-2277	780-2277
Center Chaplain	(706) 791-4683	780-4683
Commissary	(706) 791-3718	780-3718
Credit Union	(706) 793-0012	N/A
Duty Officer	(706) 791-4517	780-4517
Exchange	(706) 793-7171	N/A
Family Advocacy	(706)-791-6632	780-6632
Family Support Center (ACS)	(706) 791-3579	780-3579
First Union Bank (On post)	(706) 771-5960	N/A
Gordon Club (All ranks)	(706) 791-7054	780-7054
Hospital	(706) 787-5811	773-5811
Housing	(706) 791-4502	780-4502
Legal Assistance	(706) 791-7812	780-7812
MWR	(706) 791-2013	780-2013
Military Personnel	(706) 791-4374	780-4374
Quarters-Billeting	(706) 791-2277	780-2277
Red Cross	(706) 791-6341	780-6341
Relocation Assistance Program	(706) 791-1922	780-1922
Security (MP)	(706) 791-4380	780-4380
Stinson Guest House	(706) 793-7160	NA
Transportation	(706) 791-3924	780-3924
Travel	(706) 791-3704	780-3704
Welcome Center	(706) 791-1331	780-1331

Major Unit Listing

Garrison Command

The U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Gordon, provides the logistical and community services that are necessary for the day-to-day operation of the installation. The Garrison is responsible for ensuring the well being of its soldiers, families, civilians, and retirees. It also ensures the force readiness and mobilization capabilities of the installation as a Power Support Platform.

The Garrison is responsible for the infrastructure of Fort Gordon, including all buildings, roads, grounds, utilities and communications; and for vital community services, such as housing management, food service, security and law enforcement, fire prevention and protection, and safety.

The Garrison also provides the military and civilian personnel support services that are necessary for mission accomplishment at the installation, including

personnel processing and files management, military and civilian strength management, evaluations and awards, career development, labor and employee relations, equal opportunity programs, and many other personnel-related functions.

Military Police Battalion (Provisional) 791-2572

The Military Police Battalion (Provisional) supports the garrison law enforcement and security mission. The companies assigned or attached to the Military Police Battalion have unique core missions for day-to-day operations, but collectively, they make up a strategic security force under heightened force protection conditions.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison 791-3369

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, was activated on October 1, 2001 and subsequently assigned to the Military Police Battalion (Provisional). Headquarters and

Headquarters Company provides command and control over soldiers working in 12 separate Garrison directorates providing base operations support. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, is in charge of the quick reaction force providing security for the installation. Actively involved in various types of training such as rappelling, the soldiers assigned prepare for any type of contingency operation that may be required for security for Fort Gordon.

249th General Hospital (Caretaker) 791-3122

The 249th General Hospital is a 476 bed deployable medical systems hospital comprised of 92 cadre soldiers and 620 professional officer filler system soldiers. The 249th General Hospital is capable of deploying worldwide with the mission of providing world-class medical care to deployed soldiers within a theater of operation. The hospital provides tertiary level of care to include laboratory, pharmacy, radiology, physical and occupational therapy services. The 249th General Hospital was reactivated in 1994 as a tenet unit at Fort Gordon. Since its activation, the 249th has been involved in Operation Bright Star, Operation Enduring Freedom (2 rotations) and War on Terrorism. The 249th General Hospital is under the operational command and control of the 44th Medical Command which is part of the XVIII Airborne Corps, both of which are headquartered at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Band (434th Army Band) 791-2423

The U.S. Army Signal Corps Band, also known as the 434th Army Band, is comprised of approximately 40 musicians from across the United States. The band performs its duty of promoting morale and esprit de corps by providing suitable music for military ceremonies, formal concerts and recreational activities. In addition to its military duties, the band travels throughout the Southeastern United States promoting the Army image and enhancing relations between military and civilian communities. Presently, the band's functional units include a marching, concert and stage band; a six-piece variety group (Ground Zero), a Dixieland band (Crooked River Dixie Band), and a brass quintet (Garden City Brass Quintet). In addition to these groups, the band also has a jazz combo and a woodwind quintet. The band members spend many hours practicing for performances as well as training for their additional mission as an integral part of the installation quick reaction force providing security during heightened security conditions.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 263d Armor 791-1122

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 263d Armor, a United States Army Reserve unit from South Carolina, was mobilized in September 2002 to rotate with a sister unit to provide additional security forces for Fort Gordon. The company's core mission is On order, 1st Battalion, 263d Armor deploys on short notice to close and destroy, capture or repel enemy forces using mobility, firepower and shock effect against an armed hostile force. The soldiers of the 263d Armor provide protection to Fort Gordon's installation facilities, soldiers, civilians and families while continuing to execute the core mission of gate security. On order, the 263d Armor provides a quick reaction force capable of responding and containing any situation.

35th Military Police Detachment 791-6616

The 35th Military Police Detachment provides trained military police personnel for garrison provost marshal duties and maintains command and control over the assigned soldiers. Military police develop and maintain proficiency using a variety of law enforcement certification courses through military and civilian training centers. The 35th Military Police Detachment also provides training for the military police combat support mission for frequent deployments to various global hot spots. The 35th Military Police Detachment has incorporated emergency medical technician certification into the normal training cycle; this training has provided life-sustaining measures in incidents when military police are the first responders to situations.

15th Regimental Signal Brigade 791-3800

Training is the primary mission of the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade. This mission is as diverse as the personnel who train here and the equipment that they learn to install, operate and maintain.

The brigade transforms basically trained soldiers into highly motivated, self-disciplined, physically fit and technically knowledgeable Signal and Ordnance Warriors; able to immediately contribute to the Army's mission.

Military personnel assigned to the brigade are here for Advanced Individual Training, part of Initial Entry Training. The brigade has an average

population of more than 3,500 personnel who will man the Signal Regiment of the Future.

Elements assigned to the brigade include the 369th Signal Battalion; 447th Signal Battalion; 551st Signal Battalion, Student Company, USA Signal School Detachment, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland; and USA Detachment, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. The 73d Ordnance Battalion is attached to the brigade.

369th Signal Battalion 791-5566

The mission of the 369th Signal Battalion is to graduate highly motivated and disciplined Signal soldiers who embody the Army values, are physically fit, technically knowledgeable and fully prepared for their first duty assignment. The "Warrior" Battalion currently trains soldiers in three Military Occupational Specialties: Signal Support System Specialists (31U), Cable System Installer/Maintainer (31L) and Radio Operator/Maintainer (31C). The battalion consists of more than 1,100 soldiers broken down into one Headquarters and Headquarters Company and four line companies.

447th Signal Battalion 791-5481

The 447th Signal Battalion's mission is to train and graduate highly motivated, disciplined, physically fit, technically knowledgeable Signal soldiers who live the Army values, and who are able to immediately contribute to their unit mission. The 447th Signal Battalion provides instruction and support for four military occupational specialties: 31R Multichannel Transmission Systems Operator/Maintainer, 31S Satellite Communications System Operator/Maintainer, 31F Network Switching Systems Operator/Maintainer and 31P Microwave Systems Operator/Maintainer. The 447th Signal Battalion provides instruction and support for the following additional skill identifiers: the Satellite Network Coordinator/Controller Course 4C-F19/102-AS11C and 19 consolidated/collocated functional courses.

551st Signal Battalion 791-6079

The 551st Signal Battalion, the Patriot Battalion has a dual mission. The first involves the transformation of basically trained soldiers into physically fit, confident and technically competent Signal Patriots able to live by the Army values and immediately contribute to the Army mission. The second is to provide safe command, control, training and administrative support to personnel assigned to Fort

Gordon's command group, directorates, special staffs and other assigned/attached personnel.

The Patriot battalion is habitually the largest initial entry training battalion within the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade, with well over 1,000 soldiers. The battalion consists of four companies, a headquarters company and three line companies.

Headquarters and A Company includes those personnel who are assigned to the Command Group, Staff Judge Advocate, Battle Lab, Training and Doctrine Command Systems Managers, Directorate of Combat Developments, Directorate of Resource Management, Directorate of Training, Public Affairs, Protocol and Reserve Component Affairs Office. Company A also provides consolidated billeting, management and values driven training for all reclassifying soldiers and soldiers returning to the force for training after a break in service in the battalion's assigned military occupational specialties.

These military occupational specialties include: Information Systems Operator/Analyst (74B), Record Telecommunications Operator/Maintainer (74C), Satellite Communications Systems Operator/Maintainer (31S) and Microwave Systems Operator/Maintainer (31P). Respectively, Companies B, C and D provide for the soldierization training, administration, welfare and housing of all soldiers attending advanced individual training for the first time in these four specialties. Additionally, the battalion provides command and control for all 31Ss training to receive the Ground Controller's additional skill identifier of 1C.

73rd Ordnance Battalion 791-7474

The 73rd Ordnance Battalion is a training battalion of the 59th Ordnance Brigade, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama and is attached to the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade at Fort Gordon. The 73rd trains and develops both Ordnance Corps initial entry training soldiers and non-initial entry training soldiers. The training covers eight Ordnance electronic maintenance military occupational specialties taught by civilian and military instructors from the Ordnance Electronic Maintenance Training Department, which is a school of the U.S. Army Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School at Redstone Arsenal.

442nd Signal Battalion 791-2516

The 442nd Signal Battalion, Leader College for Information Technology, is a separate Signal

battalion that develops, manages, and conducts approved programs of instruction for Branch 25, Functional Area 24, and selected technical courses for students from the Total Army, international allies, and Department of Defense civilians. The 442nd also provides instruction as part of the advanced communications elective for the Army's Command and General Staff Officers' College. The battalion's mission is to develop lifelong learning programs and materials in support of programs of instruction; support combined arms doctrine and tactics training; provide command and control, administrative functions, and logistics support for permanent party and student personnel assigned/attached to the battalion; conduct professional development and mandatory training for permanent party personnel; and provide operational control of the Interim Brigade Combat Team Signal Company, and select Signal personnel, during cohort-like training. Headquarters and Alpha Company is composed of the Leader College for Information Technology headquarters, battalion headquarters, the mobile subscriber equipment platoon, and all cadre assigned to the School of Information Technology. Bravo Company is comprised of all students and cadre assigned to the Professional Development Division; which includes the Signal Officer Basic Course, the Signal Officer Branch Qualification Course, the Signal Staff Officer Course, the Joint Automated Communications Engineering System Course, and the Battlefield Spectrum Management Course. Charlie Company is comprised of all cadre and students assigned to the Leadership Development Division; which includes the Signal Captains Career Course, the Information Systems Operations Levelers Course, Telecommunications Systems Engineering Course, the Director of Information Management Course, and the Signal Pre-Command Course. The International Military Student Office and the students assigned to both the Warrant Officer Division and Information Systems Management Course are also part of the battalion.

International Military Student Office 791-6020

International military and civilian personnel receive instruction along with United States personnel in a variety of communications specialties at Fort Gordon. The training program is worldwide. Each year Fort Gordon trains over 200 students from approximately 70 different countries.

The International Military Student Office, 442nd Signal Battalion, provides and coordinates total support for international students during their stay at Fort Gordon. Support includes training coordination,

administrative, academic, social, educational and personal. The International Military Student Office's goal is to provide a quality military educational experience and to promote better understanding of the United States, its people, political systems, institutions and way of life.

93rd Signal Brigade 791-9307

The 93rd Signal Brigade is a subordinate element of the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command, 9th Army Signal Command. The brigade's mission is to deploy worldwide to install, operate, manage, maintain, and defend theater, tactical communications in support of joint and combined operations across the spectrum of conflict that provide contingency signal support for all combatant commanders.

The 93rd Signal Brigade provides command and control mission support for daily signal operations, and operational planning for the U.S. Combatant Commander, South, and U.S. Army South. Following the September 11, 2001 attacks against the homeland, 93rd Signal Brigade assumed the mission of providing command, control, communications, and computer support for consequence management activities in the continental United States.

Major subordinate elements of the 93rd Signal Brigade are the 56th, 63rd, and 67th Signal Battalions of Fort Gordon, and the Army Signal Activity in Miami, Florida. The brigade has a tactical satellite company, the 235th Signal Company; a strategic installation company, the 518th Signal Company; and a headquarters element, Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

The 93rd Signal Brigade commander also serves as the U.S. Army South, G-6 (Information Officer). In this role, the G-6 and his section provide staff supervision and oversight for the sustaining base and the theater/tactical communication systems, automations, publications, printing, records management, telecommunications, and visual information. Additionally, the G-6 plans and supports command, control, communications, and computers/information management systems for war, operations other than war, and joint operations. This section is responsible for conducting information management planning and programming and for developing information management policies and architecture for U.S. Army South, Joint Task Force Bravo, and subordinate task forces.

While the primary missions for the brigade are the Southern Command and Northern Command areas of operation, the brigade stands ready to deploy worldwide to provide command, control, communications, and computers.

56th Signal Battalion 791-5210

The 56th Signal Battalion is a strategic signal battalion that is part of the 93rd Signal Brigade. The mission statement directs this battalion to deploy and provide tactical, strategic, and sustaining base communications and computer systems during war, stability and support operations, and joint/combined operations; and in all environments, to ensure force protection. The battalion is comprised of a Headquarters Detachment, 252nd Theater Signal Company, 235th Satellite Company, and the 518th Tactical Installation and Networking Company.

63rd Signal Battalion

The 63rd Signal Battalion is a strategic Signal battalion that is a subordinate element of the 93rd Signal Brigade. Its mission is to deploy worldwide to install, operate and maintain Echelon Above Corps, tactical subscriber communications and computer systems in support of joint and combined operations; and in all, environments, ensure force protection. The 63rd is comprised of a Headquarters Company and three area communications companies. It is equipped with state-of-the-art digital group multiplexing equipment and automatic voice and data switches. This equipment, coupled with a rigorous and challenging training program, allows the battalion to maintain its technical and tactical proficiency.

During Desert Storm, 63rd Signal Battalion installed, operated, and maintained a significant portion of the largest, most technically complex Echelon Above Corps communication system ever developed.

The readiness of 63rd Signal Battalion was proved when it was called into action for Operation Enduring Freedom on February 16, 2003. The 63rd's current history includes Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Noble Eagle; Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Kuwait; Operation Continue Hope, Somalia; rotations for Operation Intrinsic Action, Kuwait; Joint Endeavor, Bosnia; and Hurricane Mitch Disaster Relief in El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala. Most recent, the battalion has deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

67th Signal Battalion 791-6956

The 67th Signal Battalion is a combat area/Echelon Above Corps battalion that is part of the 93d Signal Brigade. Its mission statement directs the unit to deploy worldwide to install, operate, maintain and protect theater-level, tactical communications in support of specified, joint, and combined operations across the spectrum of conflict. The 67th Signal Battalion provides voice, video and data capabilities; and in all environments, it ensures force protection.

In the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the 67th Signal Battalion was assigned the additional task of providing communications support to Homeland Defense Initiative missions. The evolving missions provide communications support to Joint Task Force Consequence Management operations that serve to integrate civilian national and local disaster relief organizations and military operations in support of disaster response. The 67th Signal Battalion now deploys around the United States to participate in exercises and operations to support this new Department of Defense initiative.

The battalion consists of a Headquarters Company and three identical area communications companies. The 67th Signal Battalion is equipped to provide area, small extension, and medium headquarters signal nodes within a theater, Army, area of operation, as well as strategic gateways with multichannel satellite assets. When deployed, the battalion is capable of providing worldwide voice, data and video communications service to subscribers regardless of geographic boundaries.

In 1991, the battalion was deployed to Southwest Asia to participate in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. In 1992, the battalion deployed to Miami, Florida to provide communications support for disaster relief operations in the wake of Hurricane Andrew. In 2001, the battalion deployed to Washington, D.C. to provide communications support for the Presidential Inauguration. The 67th Signal Battalion is a high Operational Tempo unit that has been designated an early deployer; and as such, it is continually assigned interesting, varied, and vital, worldwide missions.

Fort Gordon Resident Office, 308th Military Intelligence Battalion, 902nd Military Intelligence Group 791-9409

The 902nd Military Intelligence Group protects the nation's forces, secrets and technologies by detecting and neutralizing collection efforts by foreign intelligence services and provides threat assessments,

analysis, counterintelligence education Subversion And Espionage Directed Against the Army briefings, counterintelligence investigations, counterintelligence operations and technical skills. The 902nd Military Intelligence Group headquarters is located at Fort Meade, Maryland. There are also resident offices located throughout the United States. The Fort Gordon Resident Office's area of operation includes the state of South Carolina and the eastern part of Georgia.

513th Military Intelligence Brigade 791-4209

The 513th Military Intelligence Brigade deploys in strength or in tailored elements to conduct multi-disciplined intelligence and security operations in support of Army components of Central and Southern Commands and other theater Army commanders as directed. The brigade integrates its forward-deployed elements and Reserve Component augmentation to enhance its capabilities in response to crises or wartime contingencies.

Headquartered at Fort Gordon, with elements forward-based around the world, the VIGILANT KNIGHTS of the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade are the Army's only deployable Echelons Above Corps Intelligence unit, providing full-spectrum support to warfighters worldwide in peacetime, crisis, and war.

Behind the soldiers stand a superior team of Army civilians, civilian contractors, Reserve and National Guard-affiliated units, and a robust unit support network made up of dedicated family members. With at least 10 percent of the brigade deployed on a daily basis to at least 10 countries on four continents, the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade proudly serves as INSCOM's CONTINGENCY FORCE!

201st Military Intelligence Battalion 791-8950

The 201st Military Intelligence Battalion conducts Signal Intelligence collection and analysis in support of deployed forces across the operational spectrum.

202d Military Intelligence Battalion 791-9496

The 202d Military Intelligence Battalion provides the supported land force commander with counterintelligence, interrogation, document exploitation and Human Intelligence analysis.

204th Military Intelligence Battalion

The Fort Bliss-based 204th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Reconnaissance-Low) provides unique aerial Signal and Imagery Intelligence products to United States Southern Command and other supported commanders.

297th Military Intelligence Battalion 791-9014

The 297th Military Intelligence Battalion provides tactical, operational, and strategic all-source fusion intelligence support that includes targeting, collection management and production to warfighting commanders.

345th Military Intelligence Battalion (USAR) 791-3191

The 345th Military Intelligence Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve Command, provides multi-discipline intelligence, linguist, communication and operations support to the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade (Force Protection Brigade East) in order to provide critical intelligence support to the commanders.

116th Military Intelligence Group - Gordon Regional Security Operations Center 791-0476

The 116th Military Intelligence Group provides command host support to the Gordon Regional Security Operations Center, one of the Department of Defense's Regional Security Operations Centers. The group provides Army personnel in support of the Regional Security Operations Center's mission to produce information for national, theater and component commanders. As host, the group provides security, logistics, communications administration and operational strategic planning support for the Navy, Air Force, Marines and Department of Defense civilian organizations, which comprise the Gordon Regional Security Operations Center. The group consists of two battalions: The 206TH Military Intelligence Battalion located at Fort Gordon and the 314th Military Intelligence Battalion in San Antonio, Texas.

206th Military Intelligence Battalion 791-9157

The 206th Military Intelligence Battalion integrates quality professionals in a multi-service organization to conduct operations to satisfy the requirements of the warfighter and national-level authorities. Additionally, the battalion conducts regional technical control and analysis operations in support of the land component commander's information requirements.

324th Signal Battalion 791-9053

The 324th Signal Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve Command, an Echelons Above Corps unit, is tasked with providing tactical subscriber communications systems in support of units located in its area of operation. The most modern Echelons Above Corps Signal battalion in the reserve forces pool, the 324th is equipped with state-of-the-art digital group multiplexing equipment and automatic voice switches.

Located in three geographical areas, the battalion consists of a Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Fort Gordon, three Area Communications Companies, A Company, Clemson, South Carolina, B Company, Fort Gordon and C Company, Athens, Georgia.

Air Force

31st Intelligence Squadron 791-0004

On October 2, 1995, the United States Air Force Air Intelligence Agency, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, activated the 31st Intelligence Squadron on Fort Gordon. The 31st Intelligence Squadron is subordinate to the 543rd Intelligence Group located at Kelly Air Force Base.

The 31st Intelligence Squadron executes decisive information operations by integrating mission capable airmen with the Gordon Regional Security Operations Center and Air Force missions. They conduct distributed operations and reachback, leveraging Gordon Regional Security Operations Center resources for warfighting customers.

Detachment 1, 338th Training Squadron 791-3440

Detachment 1, 338th Training Squadron provides apprentice training for all active duty Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel entering the satellite, wideband and telemetry communications systems career field. Detachment 1 also provides supplemental technical training on 14 different advanced communication systems for Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine personnel. The Dark Knights are subordinate to the 81st Training Group located at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Marines

Company D, Marine Support Battalion is one of 11 operational letter companies assigned in a separate

detached status under the command (less operational control) of the Commanding Officer, Marine Support Battalion, Fort Meade, Maryland. Company D conducts operations within the Gordon Regional Security Operations Center.

A secondary, but no less vital mission, is the continuing need to ensure Marines develop and maintain proficiency in their respective cryptologic military occupational specialties and battle skills/essential subjects. An additional requirement exists to maintain a sufficient readiness posture to facilitate the augmentation of the Fleet Marine Force Radio Battalions by personnel so designated. Incoming personnel should report to Building 28423 on Brainard Avenue. 791-2930.

The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment on Fort Gordon handles all personnel administration and billeting for Marines attending schools on post. The detachment also provides administrative support to Marines admitted to the Eisenhower Army Medical Center for 30 days or longer, or as directed by higher authority. The detachment performs liaison functions for all active duty Marines who are inpatients at Eisenhower Army Medical Center and at Veterans Administration medical centers in Augusta and Dublin, Georgia. The detachment formulates, changes and provides United States Marine Corps only instruction for Marine Corps course number 102-F44 (31S)(OS), Ground Mobile Force Satellite Technician course and Marine Corps course number 202-F7 (OS), Ground Mobile Force Satellite Operator Course. The detachment is responsible for all course material and curriculum development. Both courses are military occupational specialty producing courses.

Navy

Naval Security Group Activity, Fort Gordon was commissioned on November 1, 1997 at Fort Gordon. As a shore activity, Naval Security Group Activity Fort Gordon was established to perform Naval Security Group related functions as directed by Commander, Naval Security Group command and additional tasks as directed by higher authority. The activity provides operational cryptologic personnel to support Gordon Regional Security Operations Center, a joint service facility. Also, Naval Security Group Activity Fort Gordon will perform functions required to accomplish cryptologic shore support activity related tasks and direct support deployments in support of fleet operations in various areas of the world. Naval Security Group Activity Fort Gordon support personnel provide administrative and/or logistical support for the activity and for Company D,

Marine Support Battalion. Naval Security Group Activity Fort Gordon is located in Building 28423 on Brainard Avenue.

The Navy Detachment Fort Gordon Satellite Communications School is a tenant command of the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia. The Navy Detachment Satellite Communications School is exclusively responsible for tr

Transportation

Local transportation is by taxi. Phone number for taxi service is 722-5588. There are several local commercial services offering reasonably priced shuttle service to and from the Atlanta airport.

Carlson Wagonlit Travel

Carlson Wagonlit Travel, one of the world's top travel agencies, serves the official travel needs of U.S. Army and government personnel at Fort Gordon. The Official Travel Office is located in Darling Hall, Building 33720, Room 117. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The reservation telephone number is 798-0990.

Aladdin Travel

771-0089

Aladdin Travel is ready to serve all your leisure travel needs. Aladdin Travel opened on post November 15, 2002 and is located in the bus station, Building 36200, on 36th Street near the post office and bank.

Military discount attraction tickets to Six Flags, Carowinds, Florida and Virginia area attractions and local area venues are available. Aladdin Travel is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The telephone number is 771-0089.

Name: Aladdin Travel
Address: Building 36200
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: 706-771-0089

Name: Carlson Wagonlit Travel
Address: Darling Hall, Bldg 33720
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 798-0990
Comments: Official travel only.

Commissary and Exchange Operations

Army & Air Force Exchange

793-7171

There are Army and Air Force Exchange System facilities located throughout Fort Gordon to serve the military and their families. In addition to retail and food facilities, the Post Exchange and Pxtra include barber shops, beauty shops, laundry and dry cleaners, a washateria, car wash, shoe repair, flower shop, car rental, optical shop, specialty shop and Hospital Pharmacy Annex. Other Post Exchange activities include two self-service gas stations and three mobile snack wagons. 793-7171

Fort Gordon's Class Six Store offers an exciting array of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages as well as a large variety of unique collectibles. The Class Six Store is located in Building 31300 on 3rd Avenue and 31st Street. Patronage is restricted to active duty and retired military personnel, their family members and reserve and National Guard personnel on extended active duty for 72 hours or more. 791-4488.

Commissary Store

Fort Gordon has a modern commissary for use by active duty and retired military personnel, reservists, National Guard and their family members, in accordance with military regulations. The commissary store is located in Building 37200 on the 3rd Avenue by-pass.

Name: Commissary
Address: Bldg 37200
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-3718
Comments: Hours: Closed Mondays, T-W 1000-1800, Th-F 1000-2000, Sat 0900-1700, Sun 1100-1700

Name: Main Exchange
Address: Bldg 32200
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 793-7171
Comments: M-Sat 0800-1900, Sun 1000-1800

Local Community

Local Community Overview

A trading post since the 1730s, Augusta is the second oldest and second largest metropolitan area in Georgia. Nestled among southern pines along the banks of the Savannah River, Augusta is the seat of Richmond County and is surrounded by neighboring Columbia, Burke, McDuffie, and Aiken Counties. Augusta's metropolitan community offers a wide variety of dining, shopping, entertainment and cultural opportunities. You'll discover a charming, historic city in Augusta, with many reminders of the classic South. As you travel through the downtown area, you will see evidence of the exciting rebirth of our city. Fresh paint glistens on century-old mansions, and Augusta's city-wide restoration has been rewarded with over two dozen National Register listings including seven historic districts. Long known as the "Garden City", Augusta bursts into spectacular bloom each Spring to welcome the greatest names in golf.

Augusta was founded in 1736 along the banks of the Savannah River as an Indian trading post by Georgia's founder, General James Edward Oglethorpe. The city was named in honor of the new bride of Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales and son of George II, King of England. Augusta served as a colonial military outpost, the center of Georgia's eighteenth century tobacco trade, and a Revolutionary War battle site. Former twice Georgia Governor and the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence George Walton predicted that Augusta would become "the mart of the whole country above it" when the war was over. He was right. The town tripled in size. Great things were done here. The Constitution of the United States was ratified and a new constitution for Georgia was drawn up here. Augusta was the capital of Georgia from 1785 until 1795. Henry H. Cummings organized and carried out the construction of the Augusta canal. When it was finished in 1847, it conveyed water from above the rapids down to Thirteenth Street. Because the canal was in Augusta and because the railroad crossed the river here, the Confederate States of America chose Augusta as the location for its powder factory. In 1886, the Cotton Exchange Building was built and served as the headquarters for the members of the Augusta Cotton Exchange, a market for buying and selling cotton that stretched across the globe. In fact, at the height of the cotton boom, Augusta was second only to Memphis in the volume of inland cotton trade. Augusta also became a winter resort in the late

nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Large hotels, such as the Partridge Inn and the Bon Air, attracted wealthy northern visitors like John D. Rockefeller for extended stays on the "Hill", also known as Summerville. Golf Architect Bobby Jones played his best golf at several courses on the "Hill." He liked the climate and scenery so much, he built his dream course on the Berckmans Nursery tract, today known as the famous Augusta National Golf Club. In 1934, his Masters Tournament began. In 1986 Augusta celebrated its Semiquincentenary, 250 years of growth and prosperity.

Located about halfway down the border between South Carolina and Georgia, along the Savannah River, Augusta is within easy distance of the mountains and the ocean. The Atlantic Ocean is less than three hours away, and North Carolina ski areas are about four hours away. Atlanta is a two hour drive, and Charlotte, Columbia, Savannah, and Charleston are all within three hours.

AUGUSTA IS...

Second largest city in Georgia

Second oldest city in Georgia

Home of the Masters Golf Tournament

Birthplace of singers Amy Grant, Jessye Norman and Terri Gibbs; actors Laurence Fishburne, Danny Glover and Joe Penny; Boxer Ray Mercer, Novelist Frank Yerby, WWF Wrestler Hulk Hogan, and pro golfer Larry Mize

Second largest inland cotton market in the world during the cotton boom

Home of the oldest newspaper in the South, The Augusta Chronicle

Home of poets Richard Henry Wilde and James Ryder Randall

Home of George Walton, the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence

Home of Springfield Baptist Church, the oldest independently formed black congregation in the United States with an unbroken record of existence

Headquarters of EZ-GO Textron and Club Car, the number one and two manufacturers of golf carts

Home of Jones Creek, the number one rated public golf course in Georgia

Home of the largest man-made lake east of the Mississippi River, Thurmond Lake

Home of the last standing permanent structure built by the confederacy, the Confederate Powderworks Factory Chimney

Home of one of the world's richest dragboat races, the Augusta Southern Nationals

Headquarters of the National Barrel Horse Association

Home of the Augusta Futurity, the largest cutting horse event east of the Mississippi River and the second largest in the world

Location of baseball player Ty Cobb's first professional game and his home from 1904 to 1932.

Time Zone Chart

Fort Gordon falls in the Eastern US time zone, and does observe daylight savings time.

Time Zone Chart

<i>Location</i>	<i>Adjustment for GMT</i>
Pacific	-8
Mountain	-7
Central	-6
Eastern (Fort Gordon)	-5
Greenwich (United Kingdom)	0
Central European (Germany)	1
East Asia (Japan)	9

Climate

Locals will tell you that if you don't like the weather in Augusta, just stick around because it will change. While the summer is predictable (miserably hot), the rest of the year is subject to wide variations in temperature. For example, in late winter of 1996 there were three occasions in which the temperature topped 80 degrees only to be followed by snow the next week. Winters are generally mild, with snowfall being light and infrequent. Summertime can be

brutal, especially July and August. For days, temperatures can be in the high 90's and low 100's with matching high humidity. Fall and spring are very unpredictable, with wide swings in conditions. In the spring and summer, thunderstorms and showers are the norm, especially late in the evening. Augusta is far enough inland to avoid the threat of hurricanes, but the occasional tornado is sighted along with heavy thunderstorm activity. Please note that the chart below lists temperature in degrees Fahrenheit and precipitation in inches per month.

Climate

<i>Month</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Humidity</i>	<i>Precipitation</i>
January	55.7	32.0	50.0%	4.05
February	60.1	34.7	55.1%	4.27
March	68.8	42.2	58.2%	4.65
April	76.6	48.6	62.4%	3.31
May	83.7	57.5	61.0%	3.77
June	89.3	65.6	72.1%	4.13
July	91.7	69.9	73.5%	4.24
August	90.3	69.1	72.0%	4.50
September	85.7	63.1	66.3%	3.02
October	77.2	50.3	58.3%	2.84
November	68.3	41.6	52.1%	2.48
December	59.5	34.8	50.5%	3.40

Events Calendar

The following annual events are generally held in the months indicated.

- January - Augusta Cutting Horse Futurity (The largest cutting horse event east of the Mississippi River, and second largest in the world)
- February - Boot Scoot Boogie Bash (Benefit for Augusta American Red Cross Chapter)
 Winter Big -Band Concert
 Pops at the Bell Auditorium
 Heart Ball (Benefit for American Heart Association)
- Augusta Arsenal Soccer Shootout Tournament (Held at Fort Gordon)
- March - CSRA Cookin' for Kids
 Springtime Made in the South (Huge craft show and sale)
 Gem and Mineral Show
 St Patrick's Day Celebration
 Pops along the Savannah
 Sacred Heart Garden and Flower Show
 Regatta Collegiate Rowing Invitational
- April - Earth Day Celebration
 Spring Rose Show at Augusta Mall
 Masters Golf Tournament
- May - Great Savannah River Duck Race
 A Day in the Country (County music show)
 Memorial Day Concert (On the Savannah River, music and fireworks)
- June - June Jazz Concert Series
 Movies on the River
 Lock N' Ham Jam (Barbeque cookoff and fair, country music)
- July - Riverfront Fourth Celebration
- August - An Evening of Jazz (On the Savannah River)
- September - Arts in the Heart of Augusta (Downtown arts festival)
 Broad Street Ramble (Footrace)
 Taste of Augusta (Restaurant Showcase)
- October - Grecian Festival
 Oliver Hardy Festival
 Oktoberfest
 Pops at the Bell
 Boshears Memorial Fly-in Air Show
 Fall Rose Show
- November - National Barrel Horse Association World Championships
- Christmas Made in the South (Craft Show and Sale)
 Festival of Lights
- December - Pops at the Bell
 Fantasy of Lights

Cultural Attractions

Name: Greater Augusta Arts Council
Address: 1301 Greene Street
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 826-4702
Proximity to site: 9 miles
Comments: This umbrella non-profit organization is a clearing house for information on arts and culture in the Augusta area. Groups such as Garden City Chorus and the Augusta Jazz Ensemble can be contacted through this organization.

Name: The Augusta Ballet
Address: 1301 Greene Street
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 826-4721
Proximity to site: 9 miles
Comments: Programs: Fall production (October), Nutcracker (December), Spring production (February or March). All performances held at the Imperial Theater. Performance season is October through March.

Name: The Augusta Opera Association
Address: 1301 Greene Street
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 826-4710
Proximity to site: 9 miles
Comments: Programs: Fall Musical (September), Operas (November and March), Augusta Opera at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1st Sunday in December), Spring Fundraiser. All performances held at Imperial Theater.

Name: Augusta Symphony, Inc.
Address: 1301 Greene Street
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 826-4705
Proximity to site: 9 miles
Comments: Programs: Classical Masterworks, Pops, Family Concerts

Name: The Augusta Players
Address: 1301 Greene Street
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 826-4707
Proximity to site: 9 miles
Comments: Programs: Seven main -stage productions each season (Four adult plays, two children's plays, and one youth theater production.)

Name: Fort Gordon Dinner Theater
Address: Performing Arts Center
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 793-8552
Proximity to site: On site
Comments: Programs: Five to six theater productions held year round. Outstanding performances and dinner in one.

Name: Augusta-Richmond County Museum
Address: 560 Reynolds Street
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 722-8454
Proximity to site: 9 miles
Comments: This brand new facility, opened in 1996, houses 23 major exhibits. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10-5, Sunday 2-5, Closed Mondays. Admission: \$4.00 Adults, \$3.00 Senior Citizens, \$2.00 Children over 6, Free for Children under 6.

Name: Cotton Exchange Museum and Welcome Center
Address: 32 Eighth Street
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 724-4067
Proximity to site: 9 miles
Comments: Located in the historic Cotton Exchange building. Here, you'll find many original items from this era including plows, planters, fertilizers, and ticker-tape machines. Also worth seeing is the preservation of the 45-foot wooden black board, uncovered intact, still chalked with cotton currency and commodities prices dating back to the early 1900's.

Name: Morris Museum of Art
Address: Riverwalk and Tenth Street
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 724-7501
Proximity to site: 9 miles
Comments: Opened in 1992, this museum features period galleries that include masterworks from a collection of over 2,500 works of Southern art spanning the years from 1790 to the present.

Name: Sacred Heart Cultural Center
Address: 1301 Greene Street
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 826-4700
Proximity to site: 9 miles
Comments: Romanesque Revival architectural style, twin spires, stained glass windows from Germany, and graceful arches make up this historical building that served as a place of worship for the Catholic faith for 70 years. Because of a rapid exodus to the suburbs, the congregation dwindled and funds to maintain the building were hard to come by. The last mass was held in 1971 and in 1987 Sacred Heart was restored and established as a non-profit organization formed to maintain the historic facility and to promote cultural activities.

Recreation Opportunities

Name: Richmond County Parks and Recreation
Address: 2027 Lumpkin Road
City: Augusta, GA 30906
Phone: (706) 796-5025
Comments: Operates 53 parks, featuring 41 recreational buildings, 33 tennis courts, 11 basketball courts, 33 athletic fields, 7 swimming pools, 27 multi-purpose courts, and 5 fitness trails.

Name: Columbia County Recreation
Address: PO Box 40668
City: Martinez, GA 30907
Phone: (706) 863-7523
Comments: Operates 5 parks with 1 recreation building, 12 tennis courts, 25 athletic fields, 2 multi-purpose courts, and 2 basketball courts.

Name: Augusta Green Jackets Baseball Team
Address: 78 Milledge Road
City: Augusta, GA 30904
Phone: (706) 736-7889
Comments: A single A affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Season runs from April through August. Home games are played in Lake Olmstead Stadium, a wonderful two-year-old baseball park with excellent sightlines and amenities.

Name: Strom Thurmond Lake
Comments: Thurmond Lake is located 23 miles NW of Fort Gordon. The lake has over 1,200 miles of shoreline with 11 federal campgrounds, state campgrounds, and day use areas for swimming, boating, picnicing, camping, etc. MWR operates a recreation area with camping, RV sites, cabin rentals, motel, boat rental, and rental boat slips.

Military Related and Civic Organizations

Name: Augusta Jaycees
Address: 766 Lancaster Road
City: Augusta, GA
Phone: (706) 731-9527

Name: Augusta Shrine Club
Address: Phinizy Road
City: Augusta, GA
Phone: (706) 798-4631

Name: Augusta Woman's Club
Address: 1005 Milledge Road
City: Augusta, GA
Phone: (706) 733-7309

Name: Elks Home BPOE
Address: 205 Elksdom Ct.
City: Augusta, GA
Phone: (706) 860-3223

Name: Martinez Masonic Lodge
Address: 3412 Washington Road
City: Martinez, GA
Phone: (706) 863-4202

Name: Scottish Rite of Free Masonry
Address: 2553 Washington Road
City: Augusta, GA
Phone: (706) 733-5387

Name: American Legion Post 178
Address: 3219 Richmond Hill Road
City: Augusta, GA
Phone: (706) 793-1724
Comments: There are several other American Legion Posts in the Augusta area.

Name: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 649
Address: 2430 Windsor Spring Road
City: Augusta, GA
Phone: (706) 790-4282
Comments: This is one of several VFW Posts in the area.

Shopping

In Augusta, shopping is not a problem. Augusta Mall, located off of Bobby Jones Expressway on Wrightsboro Road, is the jewel of shopping in Augusta. Anchored by Sears, Macy's, Rich's, JB White and JC Penney, Augusta Mall also has many other stores offering a wide variety of products. Security is good, but traffic can be a problem, especially between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Many other major stores and specialty shops are located in the same area.

Recently, a new shopping and dining mecca has been created at the intersection of Wheeler Road and Bobby Jones Expressway. Stores in this area include Comp USA, Circuit City, Best Buy, Sports Authority, Old Navy, Target, and others. Restaurants include Chili's, Atlanta Bread Company, and Logan's Roadhouse. A twenty-screen theatre is also located in the area.

For convenient off-post shopping, you will find a huge Wal-Mart store on Bobby Jones just past I-20, and another one on Dean's Bridge Road at Bobby Jones. Grocery stores are everywhere, with the closest probably being on Tobacco Road, out of Gate 5.

State and Community Social Service Agencies

Name: Child Support Recovery Unit
Address: Bldg 500 Suite 2028
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 721-6991
Comments: Hours 0800-1600

Name: Columbia County Dept of Family and Childrens Services
Address: Rt 2, Box 340
City: Appling, GA 30907
Phone: (706) 541-1640
Comments: Hours of operation 0730-1600, After hours phone (706) 863-3450 Families living in Columbia County apply for Food Stamps at this office.

Name: Richmond County Dept of Family and Childrens Services
Address: 520 Fenwick Street
City: Augusta, GA 30903
Phone: (706) 721-3000
Comments: Families living on post and in Richmond County apply for food stamps at this office. Hours 0730-1600

Non-Profit Social Service Agencies

Name: Consumer Credit Counseling Service
POC: Betty Ashley
Address: 1341 Druid Park Avenue
City: Augusta, GA 30904
Phone: (706) 736-2090
FAX: NA
Proximity to site: 7 miles
Comments: A non-profit agency dedicated to assisting consumers overburdened with debt. More information is available from Army Community Service Consumer Affairs at DSN 780-4181 or Comm (706)791-4181.

Religious Activities

There are more than 500 houses of worship to be found in the Metro Augusta area reflecting the entire spectrum of religious diversity. Since it is impractical to list them all here, please contact the Center Chaplain at (706) 791-4683 for specific information.

Community Transportation

Name: Augusta Public Transportation
Address: 1546 Broad Street
City: Augusta, GA
Phone: (706) 722-2034
Proximity to site: 10 Miles

Name: Greyhound Bus Lines
Address: 1128 Greene St.
City: Augusta, GA
Phone: (706) 722-6411, 793-0026 On Post
Proximity to site: 10 Miles and On Post

Education

Education Overview

For more information on this subject:
For more info, view the ACS Education Page
<http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs>

Fort Gordon lies on the edge of Richmond County, so children living on post attend Richmond County schools. A substantial number of military children also attend Columbia County schools, and a few will attend schools in other outlying Georgia Counties or in Aiken County, South Carolina. Please see the MUST KNOW ITEMS under the Installation category for additional information.

Public and DODDS Schools

For more information on this subject:
ACS Education Page
<http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/edunet.htm>

There are no DODDS schools on Fort Gordon. Students living off post attend schools in their county of residence, usually Richmond or Columbia County. Students living on post attend the following schools in Richmond County:

Freedom Park Elementary, on post. Phone (706) 796-8428.

Glenn Hills Middle School, 2941 Glenn Hills Drive, Augusta, GA 30906 Phone (706) 796-4705

Academy of Richmond County (High School), 910 Russell Street, Augusta, GA 30904 Phone (706) 737-7152

To register a child for school for the first time, parents will need a birth certificate, report card, and immunization records.

Students entering Georgia schools must be immunized against measles, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, and mumps. A Georgia Certificate of Immunization(GA Form 3032)is the only acceptable proof of immunization. This is available from private physicians, Fort

Gordon medical personnel, or the health department. Children entering kindergarten or first grade must also have a certificate of eye, ear, and dental examinations. This is also required of all students entering school for the first time in any grade.

Special note for parents with children entering kindergarden or day care: Georgia law now requires Hepatitis B immunization for all children born after 1 January 1992 who are entering kindergarden or child care. This applies to all child care facilities in the state. A 180 day waiver may be granted if immunization has not been done. Don't take a chance, start the process now if possible. This immunization is a series of three shots and takes several months to complete.

The Richmond County Board of Education operates 37 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, 9 high schools, and 1 alternative school geared toward students with disciplinary problems. These include three magnet schools: one elementary school for general academics, one high school for fine arts, and one high school for science, health, and engineering. Schools are accredited annually by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. More information can be obtained by calling (706)737-7200.

Richmond County School Calendar for 2003-2004:
Registration7 August
School starts.....12 August
Christmas break.....22 Dec-2 Jan
Spring break.....5-9 April
Last day of school.....21 May

Bus service is widely available at no cost. All schools offer breakfast at a nominal cost, and elementary schools offer after-school care through the YMCA Prime Time program. Gifted and talented students are transported to specific schools one day each week for special programs. Summer school is available; there is a charge for high school summer programs.

Elementary and middle schools in Richmond County have a mandatory school uniform policy.

Information on home schooling and other alternative schooling can be obtained from School Social Work Service at (706)737-1155.

Services are available for exceptional children. Moderate and Severe and Profoundly handicapped children are transported by special school buses. They are transported door-to-door with assistance

from on-board aides. For less severe cases, special education is available at all schools. Information is available year-round by calling (706) 731-8787.

Grading system is as follows: A 90-100, B 80-89, C 75-79, D 70-74, F 0-69.

In Columbia County, the Board of Education operates 14 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, 4 high schools, and one alternative school. All schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Services in Columbia County are essentially similar to those offered in Richmond County. For more specific information, call (706) 541-0650. For information on services for exceptional children, call (706) 868-5715.

Columbia County School Calendar for 2003-2004:

School starts.....6 August
Christmas break.....22 Dec-2 Jan
Spring break.....5-9 April
Last day of school.....22 May

Bus service is widely available at no cost. Some schools, including all but one elementary school, offer breakfast at a nominal cost. Some elementary schools offer after-school care through the YMCA Prime Time program. Gifted and talented students are transported to specific schools one day each week for special programs. Summer school is available for a fee.

Information on home schooling and other alternative schooling can be obtained from the Director of Student Services at (706) 541-0650.

Services are available for exceptional children. Moderate and Severe and Profoundly handicapped children are transported by special school buses. They are transported door-to-door with assistance from on-board aides. For less severe cases, special education is available at all schools. Information is available year-round by calling (706) 868-5715.

Grading system is as follows: A 90-100, B 80-89, C 75-79, D 70-74, F 0-69.

Our web site referenced above is linked to the sites for both counties.

If your child is entering kindergarten, you will need a certified copy of the child's birth certificate, a Georgia Certificate of Immunization (GA Form 3032), and a Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear, and Dental Examination (GA Form 3300). If your child

is entering school from another state, you will need the GA Form 3032, GA Form 3300, and a copy of your child's last report card.

State law requires that a child be 5 years old by September 1 to enter kindergarten and must be 6 years old by September 1 to enter first grade.

Georgia law also requires that all students entering ninth grade must take four years of math, three years of science, three years of social studies, and one year of health and physical education. Graduation requirements vary according to the course of study and the year that the child entered ninth grade.

High schools in both counties have two tracks, college prep and technical.

Daycare and preschools are widely available off-post. Georgia offers a pre-kindergarten program for four-year-olds. The program is paid for with lottery dollars and is free to the participating families. It is offered in both public schools and private day care centers, as well as at the Fort Gordon Child Care Center. Registration takes place in the Spring of each year for the following fall. Since there is limited space in each center or school and appointments are competitive, interested parents may need to apply at more than one place. Be aware that the program runs on the same calendar as public schools, meaning that child care will need to be arranged for holidays and summer. The program also ends at 3:15 PM every day and begins at 8:00 AM. The program is operated like a school, with attendance and tardiness rules.

To register for the Pre-K program, parents must provide proof of Georgia residence, 2 emergency contacts, child's social security card, and birth certificate.

Adult education is available from several sources. Please see the Adult or Continuing Education section below for phone numbers.

Name: Richmond County Board of Education
POC: Vicki Johnson
Address: 2083 Heckle Street
City: Augusta, GA 30904-4295
Phone: (706) 737-7200
Proximity to site: 1-12 miles, depending on school attended
Tuition: N
Comments: See comments in text for this section.

Name: Columbia County Board of Education
POC: Kaye Blanchard
Address: PO Box 10
City: Appling, GA 30802
Phone: (706) 868-3725
Proximity to site: Varies
Tuition: N/A
Comments: See comments in text of this section.

Private Schools

The Augusta area has a selection of secular and non-secular private schools. Schools in Augusta and North Augusta are listed below.

Name: Alleluia Community School
Address: 2819 Peach Orchard Road
City: Augusta
Phone: 706-793-9663
Proximity to site: 5 miles
Tuition: Tuition cost not available
Comments: Accredited by the National Private Schools Accreditation Alliance. No special education or transportation.

Name: Aquinas High School
Address: 1920 Highland Avenue
City: Augusta, GA 30904
Phone: (706) 736-5516
WWW Link: http://www.aquinashigh.org
Proximity to site: 6 miles
Tuition: \$4025-5175/year
Comments: Tuition reduction available for two or more students. Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Member of the Georgia Association of Independent Schools, the Georgia High School Association, and the National Catholic Educational Association. Classes offered for students with learning disabilities.

Name: Augusta Christian School
Address: 313 Baston Road
City: Martinez, GA 30907
Phone: (706) 863-2905
WWW Link: http://www.augustachristian.org
Proximity to site: 12 miles
Tuition: \$2150-4460/year
Comments: Tuition reduction available for two or more students. Grades 1-12. Accredited by Association of Christian Schools International, Georgia Accreditation Commission, Georgia Private Schools Accreditation Council, and Georgia Independent Schools Association. Classes are offered for students with learning disabilities. No transportation.

Name: Augusta Preparatory
Address: 285 Flowing Wells Road
City: Martinez, GA 30907
Phone: (706) 863-1906
WWW Link: http://www.augustaprep.org
Proximity to site: 13 miles
Tuition: \$3,200-7,440 per year
Comments: Tuition reduction available for two or more students. Grades K4-12. Accredited by Georgia Independent Schools Association, and National Association of Independent Schools. No special education. No transportation.

Name: Curtis Baptist School
Address: 1326 Broad St.
City: Augusta, GA 30910
Phone: (706) 722-2437
Proximity to site: 13 miles
Tuition: Varies by grade
Comments: Tuition reduction available. Grades K-12. Accredited by Association of Christian Schools, Georgia Accreditation Commission, Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools. No transportation or special education.

Name: Episcopal Day School of the Church of the Good Shepard
Address: 2248 Walton Way
City: Augusta, GA 30904
Phone: (706) 733-1192
Proximity to site: 8 miles
Tuition: \$1,700-5,300 per year
Comments: Tuition reduction available. Grades K3-8. Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and National Association for the Education of Young Children. No transportation or special education.

Name: Hillcrest Baptist School
Address: 3045 Deans Bridge Road
City: Augusta, GA 30904
Phone: (706) 798-5600
Proximity to site: 8 miles
Tuition: \$3,084 per year
Comments: Tuition reduction available. Grades K-8. Accredited by the Georgia Accreditation Association. No special education. Transportation available for some areas, but not Fort Gordon.

Name: Immaculate Conception School
Address: 1016 Laney Walker Boulevard
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 722-9964
Proximity to site: 12 miles
Tuition: \$190per month-\$2,700 per year
Comments: Tuition reduction available. Grades K-8. Accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference. No transportation or special education.

Name: New Life Christian Academy
Address: 4406 Wrightsboro Road
City: Grovetown, GA 30813
Phone: (706) 863-2285
Proximity to site: 8 miles
Tuition: \$180 per month-1,800 per year
Comments: Tuition reduction available Grades K-12

Name: Our Lady of Peace School
Address: 856 Old Edgefield Road
City: North Augusta, SC 29841
Phone: (803) 279-8396
WWW Link: http://www.ourlady.ws
Proximity to site: 20 miles
Tuition: 2,840 per year
Comments: Tuition reduction available. Grades K-8. Accredited by the Diocese of Charleston. No transportation or special education. Child care is also available 0600-1800.

Name: St. Mary's on the Hill Catholic School
Address: 1220 Monte Sano Ave.
City: Augusta, GA 30904
Phone: (706) 733-6193
WWW Link: http://www.stmaryssaints.org
Proximity to site: 10 miles
Tuition: \$4,080 per year
Comments: Tuition reduction available. Grades K-8. Accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference. No transportation or special education.

Name: The Augusta School
Address: 2623 Washington Road
City: Augusta
Phone: 706-736-1238
Proximity to site: 8 miles
Tuition: Tuition cost not available
Comments: The Augusta School provides programs for children with learning differences and attention deficit disorder, with or without hyperactivity. The school is for special needs children only. School is not accredited, and has no transportation.

Name: Victory Baptist Church and School
Address: 620 Martintown Road
City: North Augusta, SC
Phone: 803-278-2138
Proximity to site: 20 miles
Tuition: Tuition cost not available
Comments: Accredited by the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools. No transportation or special education.

Name: Westminster Day School
Address: 3067 Wheeler Road
City: Augusta, GA 30909
Phone: (706) 731-5260
WWW Link: http://www.wsa.net
Proximity to site: 8 miles
Tuition: \$2,180-5,700 per year
Comments: Tuition reduction available. Grades K-12. Accredited by the Southern Association of Private Schools. No transportation. No special education, but for an additional cost a tutor will assist students with difficulty learning.

Colleges and Universities

For more information on this subject:
Education Center
<http://www.gordon.army.mil/aces/college.htm>

Fort Gordon's on post colleges and universities offer an array of educational opportunities. Visit the Education Center in Building 21606 on Barnes Avenue for information on the following collegiate institutions and their programs:

Georgia Military College, 791-5159. Associate Degree Programs in General Studies, Business Administration, Pre-Nursing, Management, Communications, Electronics Technology/Management, Criminal Justice and Data Processing.

Brenau University, 793-7646. Baccalaureate Degrees in General Studies, Public Administration, Conservation Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

Paine College, 791-7979. Baccalaureate Degrees in Business Administration, Education and Sociology.

Southern Illinois University, 791-2985. Baccalaureate Degrees in Electronics Management and Health Care Management.

Central Michigan University, 798-5739. Master of Science Degree in Administration with a concentration in Health Services Administration. The web site referenced above will provide a link to all the schools listed.

Additional programs at all levels are available from several colleges and universities located within commuting distance. These schools include Augusta State University, Paine College, Augusta Technical Institute, Aiken Technical College, The Medical

College of Georgia, the University of South Carolina at Aiken, Erskine College, Voorhees College, and Brenau University.

Name: Georgia Military College
POC: Nelson Wright
Address: Bldg 21606
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-5159
Proximity to site: On Site

Name: Brenau University
POC: James Walker
Address: Bldg 21606
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 793-7646
Proximity to site: On Site

Name: Paine College
POC: Charles Raye
Address: Bldg 21606
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 793-2030
Proximity to site: On Site

Name: Southern Illinois University
POC: Ms. Glee Foreman
Address: Bldg. 21606
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-2985
Proximity to site: On Site

Adult or Continuing Education

Adult Education and Literacy Contacts:

Name: Augusta Public Library
Phone: (706) 821-2600

Name: Adult Education Center
Phone: (706) 823-6938

Name: Metro Adult Literacy Council
Phone: (706) 733-7043

Name: First Baptist Church of Augusta
Phone: (706) 733-2236

Name: Warren C. Gibbs Library
Phone: (706) 863-1946

Special Education

As required by state and federal law, a full continuum of services is provided by the schools for students ages 3-21 with special needs. Special education programs include: blind, emotionally/behaviorally disordered, intellectually disabled, orthopedically impaired, other health impaired, severely emotionally disordered, specific learning disabled, speech/language impaired, autistic, significantly developmentally delayed and traumatic brain injured.

Students who are suspected of having a disability must be referred by the Student Support Team for evaluation. After an evaluation is completed, eligibility for special education is determined based on the Georgia rules and regulations. If a student meets eligibility for special education, a committee reviews a student's needs and develops an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Placement options are then considered by the committee usually moving from the least restrictive environment to the most restrictive environment.

Related services are also provided when it is determined that a student who is receiving special education services is in need of a special service so that the student may benefit from special education. Assistive technology, physical and occupational therapy and special transportation are examples of related services.

Special transportation is available at no cost if listed in the IEP. Otherwise, regular school bus transportation is available if the student lives more than one and one half miles from the school.

During the summer months, arriving families should call the numbers listed below for the school district offices. The district offices can then request the student records and determine the proper school assignment. Both school districts offer special summer camp programs for special needs children.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the districts at the numbers listed below.

Name: Columbia County Board of Education
Address: PO Box 10
City: Appling, GA 30802
Phone: (706) 868-5715
Proximity to site: Varies with school attended
Tuition: N/A

Name: Exceptional Family Member Program
POC: Mavis Crowell
Address: ATZH-CAF-C
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-3579
FAX: (706) 791-7880
Proximity to site: On Site

Name: Richmond County Board of Education
Address: 2083 Heckle St.
City: Augusta, GA 30904-4295
Phone: (706) 731-8787
Proximity to site: Schools located 1-12 miles from site.
Tuition: N/A

Employment

Employment Overview

For more information on this subject:

Fort Gordon ACS Employment Assistance Program
<http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/eapnet.htm>

Employment Overview, Augusta, Georgia:

Good Prospects: Nursing Assistants, Medical support (10K-50K); Secretarial, Clerical, Computer Operators, Medical Billing/Secretarial (12K-18K+), Skilled Tradeworkers: Electrical-Mechanical Technicians, Electricians, Heating, Ventilation, & Air-Conditioning (HVAC) Technicians/Mechanics (Master & Journeyman Level), (11K-25K+); Machinists, (15K-28K); Supervisory and Skilled Industrial/Production & Machine Operators (10K-25K+); Retail Management, Retail Sales (11K++); Restaurant, Banquet, Food Service Managers (11K++). Volunteer positions are plentiful. Information and service-sector type jobs are increasing.

Fair Prospects: Professional/Licensed Medical; Educators/Teachers (15K-25K); Maintenance Workers, Carpenters, Plumbers, HVAC Helpers, Automobile Mechanics, (12K-24K); Correctional Officers, Security Guards (11K-17K), Production Workers, Warehouse, Forklift Operators, (10K-15K)

Poor Prospects: Electronics, middle-management, civil-service & government-sector employment.

Civilian Employment

A variety of civilian employment information is available at Fort Gordon's One-Stop Employment Information Center, located in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Darling Hall, Building 33720. In addition to providing information about federal employment opportunities at Fort Gordon, the center also has information about nonappropriated fund employment, certain private sector employment and federal jobs at other locations. The One-Stop Employment Information Center is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 791-6382.

Army Career and Alumni Program

The Army Career and Alumni Program is the umbrella which integrates all available federal and local activities for personnel being separated from government service.

Designed to provide a complete package of services and benefits for transitioning active duty, reserve, and National Guard, the Army Career and Alumni Program's primary purpose is to ensure that Army personnel are transitioned in a caring, organized and disciplined manner.

The Army Career and Alumni Program will assist transitioning personnel and their families by identifying their needs, and provide assistance in meeting those needs. The Army Career and Alumni Program is located in Building 28320 on Lane Avenue. For more information, call 791-7333.

Name: Army Career and Alumni Program
POC: Jim Rowe
Address: Bldg 28320
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-7336 Comm (706) 791-7336
Proximity to site: On Site

Name: Family Member Employment Assistance Program
Address: Darling Hall, Bldg 33720
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-3579 Comm (706) 791-3579
FAX: DSN 780-7880 Comm (706) 791-7880
Proximity to site: On Site

Federal Civilian Employment for Spouses

Federal Employment. In addition to Fort Gordon and Eisenhower Army Medical Center, the CSRA is home to other government agencies. Larger federal agencies include:

Eisenhower Army Medical Center
Building 300
Fort Gordon, GA 30905
(706) 791-5811 (Information)

Veterans Administration Hospital
950 15th Street
Augusta, GA 30904
(706) 823-2204

Department of Energy (DOE)
Attn: Personnel
PO Box A
Aiken, SC 29801

Social Security Administration
2050 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30904
1-800-234-5772 1-800-722-1213

Department of Veterans Affairs
Medical Center
1 Freedom Way
Augusta, GA 30904
(706) 733-0188

Augusta Post Office (Main)
525 Eighth Street
Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 823-3100

Name: Civilian Personnel Activity
Address: Bldg 33720, Darling Hall, Room 209
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-6382 Comm (706) 791-6382
Proximity to site: On site
Comments: Information regarding civil service, non-appropriated fund, private sector and other government agency employment opportunities is available. Hours of operation 0800-1530.

Name: Family Member Employment Assistance Program, Army Community Service
POC: Kathryn Palmer
Address: Bldg 33720, Darling Hall, Room 367
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-3579 Comm (706) 791-3579
FAX: DSN 780-7880 Comm (706) 791-7880
Proximity to site: On site
Comments: Private sector employment information, job bank, counseling, workshops, etc. Call for more information or an appointment.

Permanent Employment Resources

Family Member Employment Assistance Program
Army Community Service
Bldg 33720, Soldier Service Center
Fort Gordon, GA 30905-5020
(706) 791-3579 DSN: 780-3579
Hours: 0730-1630

Army Career Alumni Program (ACAP)/Job Assistance Center (JAC)
Bldg 28320
Ft Gordon, GA 30905
(706) 791-7336/7356
0800-1600

Army Air Force Exchange Services (AAFES)
Personnel Office
Building 35200
Fort Gordon, GA 30905
(706) 793-0440

Non-Appropriated Fund Personnel (Civilian Personnel Office Center)
Building 33720, Room 307
Soldier Service Center
Fort Gordon, GA 30905-5020
(706) 791-5120

Georgia Department of Labor
601 Greene St
Augusta, GA 30904
(706) 721-3131
M-F 0800-1630

Johnson Controls Fort Gordon Project
Ft. Gordon, GA
30905-5320
M-F 0800-1600

ACE Maintenance & Services
Eisenhower Army Medical Center

Bldg. 300
Fort Gordon, GA 30905
(706) 790-8146

Columbia Augusta Medical Center
3651 Wheeler Road
Augusta, GA 30909
(706) 651-2418 (Job Line)

Gracewood State School & Hospital
Human Resource Department
Gracewood, GA 30812
(706) 790-2020

Georgia State Correctional Facility
3001 Gordon Highway
Grovetown, GA 30813
(706) 860-8920

St. Joseph Hospital
2260 Wrightsboro Road
Augusta, GA 30904
Job Line: (706) 481-7465

University Hospital
1350 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30901
Job Line: (706) 774-8938 or (706) 774-8939

Richmond County Board of Education
2083 Heckle Street
Augusta, GA 30904
(706) 737-7200

Columbia County Board of Education
PO Box 10
Appling, GA 30802
(706) 541-0650

Augusta/Richmond County Employment Office
530 Greene Street
Municipal Building, 6th Floor
Augusta, Ga 30911

Columbia County Personnel Office
630 Washington West
Evans, GA 30809
(706) 868-3375

Metro Augusta Chamber of Commerce
600 Broad Street Plaza
Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 821-1300

Chamber of Commerce of Greater North Augusta
234 Georgia Ave

North Augusta, SC 29841
(803)279-2323

Augusta Convention Visitors Center
32 Eighth Street
Augusta, Ga 30903
(706) 823-6600
Hours: M-Sat 0900-1700, Sun 1300-1700

Columbia County Chamber of Commerce
4424 Evans to Loch RD
Evans, Ga 30809
(706) 651-0018
Hours: M-F 0830-1700

South Carolina Employment Security Commission
(State Employment Office)
1571 Richland Avenue East
Aiken, SC 29801
(803) 641-7640

BellSouth - Employment Information 1-800-922-7409

Aiken County Public Schools
738 Old Edgefield Road
Aiken, SC 29841
(803) 442-6250

Aiken Regional Medical Center
Human Resources
202 University Parkway
Aiken, SC 29841
(803) 641-5630

Temporary Employment Resources

Augusta Area Temporary Employment Agencies
(Non-fee) include:

Addecco Personnel Services
2623 Wrightsboro Rd A 102
Augusta, GA 30907
(706) 737-91770

Augusta Staffing
West Town Office Park
218 Oak Street
Martinez, GA 30906
(706) 860-8989

Career Temps
821 Broad Street Suite 821
Augusta, DA 30901
(706) 722-1265

STAFF 2000
3604-B Wheeler Rd
Augusta, GA 30909
(706) 651-0636.

Interim Personnel
218 Oak Street
Martinez, GA 30907
(706) 868-0911

Manpower Temporary Service
1206 Greene Street
Augusta, GA 30903
(706) 722-1511

Kelly Temporary Service
3540 Wheeler Road, STE. 605
Augusta, GA 30909
(706) 738-8806

Mau, Inc.
501 Greene Street
Augusta, GA 30913
(706) 724-8367

Norrell
119 Davis Road
Building 9, Ste. 9E
Augusta, Ga 30907
(706)854-1220

Sizemore Personnel
654 Main Street
Thomson, GA 30824
(706) 595-0794

Sizemore Personnel
1369 Reynolds Street
Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 724-5629

Non-Paid or Volunteer Opportunities

Army Community Service
Building 33720
Suite 367
Fort Gordon, GA 30905-5020
(706) 791-3579

American Red Cross
Eisenhower Army Medical Center
Building 300
Fort Gordon, GA 30905
787-6311

United Way of the CSRA

Laverne Gold Volunteer Center
630 Ellis Street
Augusta, GA 30901
(706)724-6269

Golden Harvest Food Bank
Carolyn Payne
3310 Commerce Drive
Augusta, GA 30906
(706) 736-1199

Boy Scouts
1252 Gordon Park Road
Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 722-9715

Girl Scout Council
1325 Greene Street
Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 826-4516

Girls Club of Augusta
1919 Watkins Street
Augusta, GA 30904
(706) 733-4241

Name: Installation Volunteer Coordinator
POC: Lynn Harshman
Address: Bldg 33720
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: 706-791-3880
DSN Phone: 780-3880
E-Mail: harshmal@gordon.army.mil
Proximity to site: On Site

Chambers of Commerce

Name: Metro Augusta Chamber of Commerce
Address: 600 Broad Street Plaza
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 821-1300

Name: Columbia County Chamber of Commerce
Address: 4424 Evans to Lock Road
City: Evans, GA 30809
Phone: (706) 651-0018

Name: Chamber of Commerce of Greater North Augusta
Address: 234 Georgia Avenue
City: North Augusta, SC 29841
Phone: (803) 279-2323

Private Sector Employment

Employment overview. Fort Gordon is located 9 miles SW of the city of Augusta, the center of the second largest metropolitan area in Georgia. This area consists of 13 GA counties and 5 in SC, and is known as the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA). Augusta is home to the South's largest medical college and several hospitals. Professional and support medical positions are available in support of hospitals and physicians. Furthermore, this area hosts over 100 public and private schools, which require educators and support personnel. In addition, the CSRA includes a steadily growing industrial base made up of numerous major manufacturers which constantly require skilled and unskilled bluecollar workers. Predominant manufacturing firms are apparel, textile, food, and nonelectrical machinery. Lumber and wood products facilities are also abundant. Many industrial positions are temporary, seasonal, and of a part-time nature. Because of this, numerous employment agencies and services offer many opportunities and benefits. Residential type construction jobs are steady; and skilled maintenance, repair, and equipment operator jobs remain steady. Secretarial and clerical personnel, especially those with data entry/computer skills, are always needed. The most often requested software skills are with Word, Powerpoint, and other Office applications. The fastest growing industry in the CSRA is the service industry, which makes up close to 70% of all nonagricultural employment. This service industry includes retail positions in building materials and hardware, general merchandise, food stores, automotives dealers, gasoline service stations, apparel stores, home furnishings, eating and drinking establishments, drug stores, etc. On the other hand, professional type positions are more competitive and usually require related experience, education, or license. Please see "Professional and Occupational Licensing" for more information on that subject.

Government Employment

Please see "Federal Civilian Employment for Spouses" for information on this topic.

Professional or Occupational Licensing

Professional and occupational licensing is handled by a variety of agencies in both Georgia and South Carolina.

Name: Licensed Practical Nurse, Georgia
POC: Georgia State Board of Examiners of LPN
Address: 166 Pryor Street
City: Atlanta, GA 30312
Phone: (404) 656-3921
Comments: Hours Monday-Friday 0800-1700. Call for fees; accepts only money orders, no personal checks.

Name: Registered Nurse, Georgia
POC: Georgia Board of Nursing
Address: 166 Pryor Street
City: Atlanta, GA 30312
Phone: (404) 656-3943
Comments: Hours Monday-Friday 0800-1700. Call for fees; accepts only money orders, cashier checks, no personal checks.

Name: Teacher Certification, Georgia
POC: Georgia Department of Education
Address: 1453 Twin Towers East
City: Atlanta, GA 30312
Phone: (404) 656-2556
Comments: Call for specific information.

Name: Child Care Licensing, Georgia
POC: Georgia Department of Human Resources
Address: 878 Peachtree Street, Room 607
City: Atlanta, GA 30309
Phone: (404) 657-5562
Comments: Hours Monday-Friday 0800-1700

Name: Social Work Licensing, Georgia
POC: Georgia Composite Board of Personal Counselors, Social Workers
Address: 166 Pryor Street
City: Atlanta, GA 30312
Phone: (404) 656-6719
Comments: Hours 0800-1700. Call for information packet.

Name: Teacher Certification, South Carolina
POC: SC Dept of Education
Address: 1429 Senate Street
City: Columbia, SC 29201
Phone: (803) 737-8492
Comments: Hours 0800-1600

Name: Nursing, South Carolina
POC: SC Board of Nursing
Address: Suite 102, 177th Street Julian Place`
City: Columbia, SC 29204
Phone: (803) 737-6594
Comments: Hours 0800-1600

Networking Opportunities

Name: Officer and Enlilsted Wives' Clubs
POC: Lynn Harshman
Address: ATZH-CAF-C
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-3880
DSN Phone: 780-3880
Comments: Please contact Mrs. Harshman for more information on both clubs.

Medical And Dental

Medical and Dental Overview

Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center's mission is to ensure constant readiness in support of the nation's military forces worldwide by providing quality health care to its beneficiaries and promoting the health and wellness of the military family.

It is the regional referral center for military treatment facilities within the Southeast Regional Medical Command. The center has a wide variety of specialties and subspecialties. The daily average workload includes 1,300 outpatient visits daily, 20 inpatient surgeries, 3,000 prescriptions, 78 inpatients and 243 immunizations. The Fort Gordon/Augusta community consists of approximately 54,000 beneficiaries. This includes active military, their family members and retirees.

Eisenhower is also an academic medical center that trains physicians, physician assistants, nurses, technicians and healthcare administrators. In fact, many of the local community providers have either served at the center or rotated through Eisenhower's doors. Educational programs include five graduate medical education programs, medical student rotations, nurse anesthetist course, phase 2 of the practical nurse course, phase 2 of the operating room technician course, laboratory and radiology technician site training and special forces medic clinical rotations.

The Veterans Administration and Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center have several active sharing agreements in place for the provision of medical care and services. Current initiatives involve actual dollar reimbursement and exchanged services. These agreements have yielded great benefit for both parties and their beneficiaries. Shared services and direct reimbursement for services have an estimated value of \$5 million. Eisenhower and the Veterans Administration continue to build on this agreement as professional capabilities increase.

Eisenhower has several agreements for the mutual enhancement of educational opportunities in the State of Georgia. Professional and paraprofessional staff participate in training opportunities at Eisenhower. The center's professional staff also rotates through hospital facilities in Georgia to gain the broadest educational experience available. Participating hospitals and clinics include the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta Regional Medical Center, Doctors Hospital, Foot and Ankle Group of Augusta, Memorial Medical Center (Savannah), Memorial Children's Hospital (Savannah), University Hospital, Willingway Hospital (Statesboro), and Windmere Nursing Home. Some examples of exchanges of medical students include rotations in anesthesia nursing, orthopedic training for foot and ankle treatment, neurosurgery, clinical pastoral training, surgery, psychiatry and drug and alcohol treatment. The agreements Eisenhower has in place help in meeting the mission of ensuring readiness, providing excellent healthcare and enhanced educational opportunity.

Eisenhower has nine resource sharing agreements with Humana Military Health Services, the Regional Tricare Contractor. They provide approximately 120 nurses, physicians and clerical personnel to Eisenhower. The vast majority of support staff is drawn from the local area and helps to complement the 961 civilian and 1,109 military personnel. The partnership with Humana Military Health Services assists Eisenhower in reaching out to local community healthcare network providers when services are not available within established access standards for the center's beneficiaries. Humana is the coordinating contractor who ensures healthcare needs are met and civilian providers are expeditiously reimbursed for their services.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Health and Wellness Center

787-6756

The Health and Wellness Center, located in Building 29605 next to Gym 4 on Barnes Avenue, is the central resource for health education classes, health risk assessments, fitness assessments, health information, community health awareness, individual and group counseling, preventive health screenings and fitness programs. Classes are available in nutrition, smoking cessation, stress management, low-impact aerobics and self-care. The center is open to all active duty military personnel and their families, retirees and their families, and to Department of Defense civilians by referral or on a walk-in basis. The center is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Community Counseling Center

787-5392 791-3674

The Fort Gordon Community Counseling Center, located in Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Building 300 and the Alcohol & Drug Control Office, located in Building 38702 on 7th Avenue at 38th Street and Brainard Avenue, operate and implement the Army Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention & Control Program

The Community Counseling Center provides treatment for substance abuse patients who are active duty soldiers, reserve components, Department of the Army civilians, family members and retirees affected by substance abuse. Assistance is available to eligible persons whose job, family, physical or emotional well being is affected by substance abuse. Family members are greatly impacted by the addictive process and are therefore strongly encouraged to engage in the recovery process as well.

The Fort Gordon Community Counseling Center offers comprehensive evaluations and rehabilitation treatment in an outpatient or inpatient setting. The program also offers the Employee Assistance Program which is designed to help employees whose job performance has fallen to unsatisfactory levels. Through this program, employees receive the help needed to become productive again. Education classes and urinalysis testing are provided for patients enrolled in the Community Counseling Center.

For further information, call the Community Counseling Center at 787-5392 or the Alcohol & Drug Control Office at 791-3674 or 791-3437.

Eisenhower Army Medical Center Fisher House

787-7100

The Zachary and Elizabeth M. Fisher House serves as a home away from home for military families of patients receiving medical care at Eisenhower Army Medical Center or local medical facilities. The Fisher House is a temporary residence and is not a treatment facility, hospice or a counseling center. Health care providers are not on the Fisher House staff.

The Fisher House allows families who are a fair distance from home to stay in a family environment close to patients.

The Fisher House manager is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. When the house is full, the manager maintains a waiting list for family members who desire to stay at the Fisher House.

The Fisher House has eight individual rooms or suites, some of which are handicapped accessible. There is a common kitchen with a large refrigerator, dining room, living room with TV and a washer and dryer. The house is within walking distance from Eisenhower.

The cost is \$10.00 per room per night regardless of the number of people staying in each room.

The Fisher House manager may be reached by calling 787-7100 during normal duty hours.

Dental Services

787-5716 787-6105

Fort Gordon is the location of the headquarters for the Southeast Regional Dental Command and U.S. Army Dental Activity, Fort Gordon. Both activities are located in Building 38717 on 38th Street and Academic Avenue.

The Southeast Regional Dental Command provides operational guidance and staff oversight for subordinate U.S. Army Dental Activities/U.S. Army Dental Clinic Commands at Fort Benning, Fort Campbell, Fort Jackson, Fort Stewart, Fort Rucker, Fort McPherson and Fort Gordon. Collectively the Southeast Regional Dental Command is charged with responsibility for the dental readiness and well being of military personnel. The U.S. Army Dental

Activity, Fort Gordon provides comprehensive dental care at three dental clinic locations.

Snyder Dental Clinic is on the corner of Brainard Avenue and 25th Street. Active duty military should report during the hours of 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. for sick call or annual examinations. 787-7050 or 787-6265.

Tingay Dental Clinic, near Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Building 320, provides specialty care by referral in periodontics, endodontics and prosthodontics. 787-5102.

The Hospital Dental Clinic, first floor of Eisenhower Army Medical Center, provides oral and maxillofacial surgery by referral. Military personnel assigned to Eisenhower Army Medical Center, U.S. Army Dental Activity and U.S. Army Dental Laboratory receive their dental care at this location. 787-5322.

Emergency care is provided after duty hours, weekends and holidays. Patients should call the Emergency Room, 787-5222 or 787-6727. The Emergency Room staff will provide information and further instructions if needed.

The Fort Gordon Dental Activity has post-graduate training programs in the specialties of endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, periodontics, and prosthodontics. More specialty residents are trained at Fort Gordon than at any other Army post. The teaching faculty at Fort Gordon consults throughout the United States and overseas. Fort Gordon is the site for several continuing education specialty short courses sponsored by the Office of the Surgeon General. Military dentists worldwide and local civilian dentists attend these short courses.

Anyone having questions on the availability of dental care should call 787-5738 or 787-5176.

Veterinary Treatment Facility

787-7375 787-3815

Register pets with the Fort Gordon Veterinary Clinic by personally bringing a copy of the pet's vaccination record to Building S-500, North Range Road. According to Fort Gordon Regulation 40-6, Animal Care and Control, this must be done within ten days of signing for government housing or obtaining the pet. Also, make sure to ask Housing Branch about their requirements. All dogs, cats, horses and ferrets that are three months or older must be registered. A

Fort Gordon rabies identification tag will be issued for those animals residing on post.

Services are available to all active duty members and their dependents, retirees and reservists who have valid Department of Defense identification cards and are enrolled in the defense enrollment eligibility reporting system. Reservists must be on active duty orders. Authorized personnel will pay for products and fees at the time services are rendered. An additional congressional fee of \$2.00 is applied to each cash register transaction.

The Veterinary Treatment Facility's mission focuses on diseases that are transmissible from animal to man. Diseases that do not fall into this category will generally be referred off post for treatment. Please call the office for guidance.

Services provided include health certificates, vaccinations, heartworm testing and preventives, fecal testing and deworming, feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus testing and microchip ID implantation. Sick call appointments for minor problems are also available. Call to set up an appointment for any of the above services.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., for product sales. Regular clinic appointments for vaccinations and sick call are seen on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Additional clinic days are often offered, but depend on the veterinarian's availability. The facility also routinely offers one Saturday morning and one Friday evening clinic per month. Call for dates and times.

As a precaution, it is recommended customers make arrangements for children to be watched at home. The waiting area is small which may put children at risk. This is for their safety. If childcare is an issue, please contact the Veterinary Treatment Facility's staff for additional guidance.

Name: Community Counseling Center
Address: Bldg 32502
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-3674 Comm (706) 791-3674
Proximity to site: On Site

Name: Eisenhower Army Medical Center
Address: Bldg 300
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 773-5811 Comm (706) 787-5811
FAX: DSN 773-4934 Comm (706) 787-4934
Proximity to site: On Site
Comments: Phone number is for information and can refer callers to all clinics and offices.

Name: Exceptional Family Member Program, Army Community Service
POC: Mavis Crowell
Address: Darling Hall
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-4872 Comm (706) 791-4872
FAX: DSN 780-7880 Comm (706) 791-7880
Proximity to site: On Site
Comments: Contact this program prior to move to ensure availability of treatment.

Name: Snyder Dental Clinic
Address: Bldg 25501
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 773-7050 Comm (706) 787-7050
Proximity to site: On Site

Medical Services/Directory - on Installation

Eisenhower Army Medical Center offers a wide variety of medical specialties and clinics. Patients needing any specialty not found at EAMC will most likely be referred to one of the many local hospitals.

Medical Services/Directory - on Installation

<i>Clinic</i>	<i>POC</i>	<i>Number</i>
Allergy		(706) 787-4154
Commander		(706) 787-6727
Emergency Room		(706) 787-6727
Family Practice		(706) 787-7300
Health Benefits Advisor		(706) 787-6346
Immunization		(706) 787-4154
Information		(706) 787-5811
OB/Gyn		(706) 787-7228
Ophthalmology		(706) 787-7155
Orthopedics		(706) 787-6158
Patient Representative		(706) 787-3577
Pediatrics		(706) 787-5306
Pharmacy		(706) 787-7010
Radiology		(706) 787-5386

Health Benefits Advisor, Wellness, and CHAMPUS/TRICARE Programs

Contact health benefits advisor listed below for information on benefit programs.

Name: Health Benefits Advisor
Address: Eisenhower Army Medical Center
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 773-6346 Comm (706) 787-6346
Proximity to site: On site
Comments: Remote office located in Darling Hall, first floor.

Community Hospitals

The Augusta area is blessed with many fine hospitals offering all specialties. These hospitals include the

Medical College of Georgia, with an outstanding regional trauma center, and two VA hospitals.

Name: Doctors Hospital
Address: 3651 Wheeler Road
City: Augusta, GA 30910
Phone: (706) 863-3232
Proximity to site: 5 miles
Comments: Recognized throughout the Southeast for its burn center.

Name: Medical College of Georgia Hospital
Address: 1120 15th Street
City: Augusta, GA 30910
Phone: (706) 721-0211
Proximity to site: 12 miles
Comments: Regional trauma center.

Name: St. Joseph Hospital
Address: 2260 Wrightsboro Road
City: Augusta, GA 30910
Phone: (706) 481-7000
Proximity to site: 7 miles

Name: University Hospital
Address: 1350 Walton Way
City: Augusta, GA 30910
Phone: (706) 722-9011
Proximity to site: 12 miles

Name: Veterans Administration Medical Center
Address: 950 15th Street
City: Augusta, GA 30910
Phone: (706) 733-0188
Proximity to site: 12 miles

Name: Walton Rehabilitation
Address: 1355 Independence Drive
City: Augusta, GA 30910
Phone: (706) 724-7746
Proximity to site: 12 miles
Comments: Specializing in rehabilitation.

Dental Services/Directory - on Installation

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Dental Services/Directory - on Installation

<i>Clinic</i>	<i>POC</i>	<i>Number</i>
Hospital Dental Clinic		DSN 773-5304
Snyder Dental Clinic		DSN 773-7050

<http://www.ucci.com>

Family Member Dental Plan

For more information on this subject:

"TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan (TFMDP)

The TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan (TFMDP) is a comprehensive and affordable dental plan available to eligible spouses and children of active duty Uniformed Service members. The TFMDP has cost shares, benefit maximums and coverage limitations similar to typical group dental insurance plans.

To be eligible for TFMDP enrollment, sponsors must intend to remain on active duty for at least 24 months and this commitment must be confirmed by their parent Uniformed Service. Enrollment and/or changes to enrollment can be accomplished by filling out a DD Form 2494 or 2494-1 at the sponsor's servicing personnel office. Please read these forms carefully as they provide detailed information on enrollment options, limitations and when TFMDP coverage begins. Upon enrollment, the sponsor must pay the monthly premium through their Uniformed Services payroll account - the Government pays 60% of monthly premiums. Before providing care to family members, some dental providers may ask to see a copy of the sponsor's Leave and Earnings Statement showing the dental plan payroll deduction. Coverage is worldwide and portable between assignments. United Concordia Companies, Inc. (UCCI) administers the TFMDP. Detailed TFMDP coverage and enrollment information can be found in the TFMDP benefit booklet. For more information about the program, visit UCCI's web site or contact them at 1-800-866-8499 for information on the TFMDP in the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, or 1-717-975-5017 (toll call) for information on the TFMDP in all other locations. In overseas locations, enrolled sponsors and family members must contact their servicing overseas dental treatment facility and/or Overseas Lead Agent before seeking treatment from host-nation dental providers, except for emergency care.

Name: TFMDP Customer Service
POC: United Concordia Com
Address: United Concordia Companies TFMDP Customer Service PO Box 898218
City: Camp Hill, PA 17089-8218
Phone: 1-800-866-8499
WWW Link: http://www.ucci.com
Proximity to site: On site
Comments: Contact UCCI at 1-800-866-8499 for more information. HBA can also provide list of local dental providers.

Housing

Housing Overview

Housing services include on-post family quarters, community housing referral and relocation assistance, bachelor officer and senior enlisted quarters.

Family quarters are administered by the Housing Office located in Darling Hall, Building 33720, on Chamberlain Avenue and Kilbourne Street, 791-5223. Installation Housing Branch, Directorate of Public Works, located in Building 14500, 791-9701, administers Unaccompanied Personnel Housing, both officers and senior enlisted. Off-post housing in surrounding communities is listed with the Community Housing Referral and Relocation Office in Darling Hall, 791-2473.

The Family Housing Office staff will counsel eligible married service members on the availability of on-post family quarters and will accept applications for quarters after the service member signs in for duty.

The Community Housing Referral and Relocation Office maintains a complete up-to-date listing of available housing within local communities. Since a waiting period exist for on-post family housing for most grades, many personnel must seek temporary housing within the local community. The Community Housing Referral and Relocation Office offers counseling and personal attention to your specific needs, which enables you to choose wisely from various types of off-post housing. Newcomers are required to report to the Community Housing Referral and Relocation Office before seeking off-post quarters. This office also serves as a relocation point to those members who are rotating from Fort Gordon to other installations. Housing information

pertinent to the gaining installation and its surrounding communities is available on file to assist families in transition. 791-2473.

Lodging Facilities

Modern lodging facilities with accommodations for 741 temporary duty personnel are available on Fort Gordon. While 188 rooms are specifically designated for the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, all others are routinely assigned to officers, Department of Defense civilians and other enlisted visitors to the installation. Included are

Distinguished Visitor Quarters, which are available for general and senior grade officers (other official guests on space available) and Stinson Hall, a favorite with permanent change of station personnel, hospital patients and visitors. Stinson Hall, Building 37300, located on Avenue of the States, is within walking distance to the Post Exchange, bank, credit union and commissary. Administration of these facilities is the responsibility of the Lodging Office, Griffith Hall, Building 250 on Chamberlain Avenue. Advanced reservations are suggested. Lodging's main telephone numbers are: (706) 790-3676; 791-2277 or 791-3644.

Housing Allowances

Housing allowance information is available from the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee's Web Site:	
Rates and Allowances Home Page	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html
Basic Allowance for Housing	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bah.html
Overseas Housing Allowance	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/aloooha.html

Government Housing

For more information on this subject:

<http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/hounet.htm>

Application for housing services may be made upon arrival at Fort Gordon upon personal visit to the contractor operated housing offices in Darling Hall Soldier Service Center, Building 33720, Room 129. Adjustments to eligibility dates for time in transit and temporary duty en route are made during the application process. Copies of all orders since departing the last primary duty station are needed for completion of the application.

Please note that the housing waiting periods listed in the AT A GLANCE category are not current! Current waiting periods can be found on the web site linked at the top of this category. Waiting periods tend to be the longest for pay grades E4-E6. Estimated waiting period is the average months soldiers in the top 10% have been on the waiting list. The waiting period is subject to change without notice.

Current Housing Inventory

General Officer-4 bedrooms 1
General Officer-3 bedrooms 2
Senior Officer-4 bedrooms 9
Senior Officer-3 bedrooms 20
Field Grade-4 bedrooms 24

Field Grade-3 bedrooms 6
Company Grade-4 bedrooms 20
Company Grade-3 bedrooms 74
Company Grade-2 bedrooms 2
Senior NCO-4 bedrooms 24
Senior NCO-3 bedrooms 66
Junior NCO-4 bedrooms 192
Junior NCO-3 bedrooms 318
Junior Enlisted-3 bedrooms 118

On-post housing is readily available for single personnel classified as bonafide bachelors (eligible for BAQ at the without dependent rate) arriving at Fort Gordon. For these personnel, if quarters are not immediately available upon arrival, they will be made available within ten days of arrival.

Single personnel eligible for BAQ at the with dependent rate, priorities III and IV for assignment, are placed on a waiting list for quarters. Waiting times vary according to grade and eligibility criteria. Single personnel in these priorities are housed on a space available basis and may be required to terminate quarters if needed for personnel of a higher assignment priority.

Personnel are assigned to quarters by an assignment inspection. Property is inventoried and hand receipted to the occupant. During occupancy, personnel are required to perform self-help maintenance items. Upon termination, the room is inspected for cleanliness and maintenance and property is inventoried.

Exceptional Family Member housing is made available on the installation on a case-by-case basis. There are no units designated for this purpose.

There are no government owned or leased mobile home parks.

Priority housing may be made available to command approved families, such as: Key and essential positions, medical urgency, other considerations on a case-by-case basis.

Name: Family Housing Administration
POC: Sandra Grantum
Address: Room 129, Darling Hall
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-2473/2797
FAX: (706) 791-5319
DSN Phone: DSN 780-2473
DSN FAX: DSN 780-5319
E-Mail: grantums@emh.gordon.army.mil
Proximity to site: On Site

Community Housing

For more information on this subject:
ACS Relocation Housing Page
<http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/hounet.htm>

The Augusta area is not considered a high cost area in regard to housing. Many incoming personnel are pleasantly surprised with how much they can get for their housing dollar. Just about every type of housing is available in the area. Homes are available for purchase in many price ranges, depending upon the geographic location and the age of the neighborhood.

Lot rents at mobile home parks average \$120 to \$175 per month.

Security Deposits range from none to one months rent.

Pet deposits range from \$100 to \$300 per pet, nonrefundable, typical 25 lbs limit.

Apartments are generally unfurnished, mobile homes are usually furnished.

Typical home lease is for one year, minimum of 90 days for apartments. Short-term leases are available for \$10 to \$20 per month more in rent.

Most apartment complexes have some units that are EFM accessible.

The Community Housing Referral/Relocation Service (CHRRS) office can assist incoming personnel in locating off-post housing, both rentals and sales. The CHRRS office will provide personnel with transportation to visit prospective rental units if needed. Personnel in grades E1-E4 are required to have their housing selection inspected by a unit representative prior to signing a lease. Personnel on permissive TDY for househunting must come by the CHRRS office on the first day of the TDY for verification of status. Failure to do so may result in time being charged as ordinary leave. A first for the Army, Fort Gordon's Directorate of Community Activities has opened a realty service center on post. Operated by Century 21 Larry Miller Realty, the center provides the military community at Fort Gordon with convenient realty sales, listing services, rentals, and property management. Century 21 provides these services for customers whether in the local area, across the nation or internationally. Interested personnel are invited to visit the center, located in Stinson Guest House, or call 796-2955 for information.

Name: Augusta Board of Realtors
Address: 2603 Commons Blvd.
City: Augusta, GA
Phone: (706) 736-0429
Comments: Hours 0830-1700

Name: Century 21 Larry Miller Realty
Address: Stinson Guest House
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 796-2955
E-Mail: c21lrmrmove@aol.com
WWW Link: http://www.c21larrymiller.com/
Proximity to site: On site
Comments: This office deals in home purchases, rentals, and property management. Offers loan approval before departure for next duty station.

Utilities

Soldiers in the Augusta area are served by several different utility companies, depending upon where they live. These companies have varying policies concerning deposits, connection fees, etc. Utility deposit waivers are available for BellSouth only, and are available when the soldier inprocesses.

You may notice that there are no record listings for natural gas service. Natural gas service was recently

deregulated in the state. There are many companies offering this service. We advise newcomers to check into all the companies providing service before deciding. Also, several companies have already gone out of business in less than one year, so look for stability in choosing a provider.

Name: Augusta-Richmond County Water
Address: 530 Greene Street
City: Augusta, GA 30910
Phone: (706) 821-1851
Comments: No deposit required. \$25 non-refundable connection fee.

Name: BFI Waste Systems
Address: 683 Commerce Drive
City: Evans, GA 30809
Phone: (706) 860-7010
Comments: Deposits and costs for pick-up vary.

Name: BellSouth
Address: 440 Walker Street
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 780-2355

Name: Columbia County Water
Address: 4325 Evans to Lock Road
City: Evans, GA 30809
Phone: (706) 863-6928
Comments: No deposit. \$20 non-refundable connection fee.

Name: Georgia Power
Address: 1230 Walton Way
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 738-8228
Comments: Deposits range from \$75 to \$150 and may be waived based on credit history.

Name: Jefferson Electric
Address: 2547 Highway 88
City: Hephzibah, GA 30815
Phone: (706) 592-4531
Comments: Services the Harlem area and parts of Grovetown and Richmond County. Does not accept waivers. Hookup cost is \$25 for membership and deposit which may as high as \$400. Deposit may be waived by providing a letter of credit from a past utility company for at least 2 years of service with no returned checks and no late payments.

Name: South Carolina Electric and Gas
Address: 1800 Georgia Avenue
City: North Augusta, SC 29841
Phone: (803) 442-2000
Comments: Serves South Carolina. Does not accept waivers, but deposit may be waived by a letter of credit or good credit report. Total deposit for gas and electric is \$100.

Name: Waste Management of Augusta-Aiken
Address: 208 Prep Phillips Drive
City: Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 724-7200
Comments: Deposits and cost for service vary.

Relocation Services

Relocation Services Overview

For more information on this subject:
Relocation Information
<http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/relnet.htm>

Army Community Service presents a newcomer orientation every Tuesday and Friday at 1300 in the ACS Conference Room, Darling Hall. This orientation includes information on schools, safety rules and local laws, housing, and much more. The orientation must be attended as part of inprocessing.

Army Community Services offers lending closet services in Bldg 33720, Darling Hall. This service is available during regular duty hours. Please bring a copy of orders assigning the soldier to Fort Gordon. The lending closet has cots, kitchen utensils, baby items, car seats, tables and chairs, and small appliances. The lending closet does not have linens, pillows, blankets, or furniture.

Furniture is not available on post. There are some furnished apartments in the area, and most rental mobile homes are furnished.

Relocation Assistance

Name: Relocation Assistance Program
POC: Patricia Hutchinson
Address: Darling Hall, Bldg 33720
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-1922/3579
FAX: 706) 791-7880
DSN Phone: 780-1922/3579
DSN FAX: 780-7880
E-Mail: hutchinp@emh.gordon.army.mil
WWW Link: http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/relnet.htm
Comments: Also see the Support Services section for more information on this and other services.

In Transit Emergencies

In case of an emergency while enroute, contact the nearest military installation. You may also contact the Relocation Assistance Program listed above or Army Emergency Relief.

Name: Army Emergency Relief
POC: Ginger Brinkley Joann Brassell
Address: Darling Hall, Bldg 33720
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-3579
FAX: (706) 791-7880
DSN Phone: 780-3579
DSN FAX: 780-7880
Comments: After duty hours and on weekends and holidays, contact the Center Duty Officer at (706) 791-4517.

Financial Preparedness

Cost of living in the Augusta area is generally reasonable. Rent for a good apartment starts at about \$350 per month and up. Home rentals may be a little high, due to the fact that rental homes are not that easy to find. Owners of rental homes may ask for higher rent due to existing high interest mortgages, so expect to pay more for a home. For the typical soldier, BAH should pay the rent and most utility cost. Auto insurance rates in Georgia are high. Shop around a lot for the best rates. The Masters golf tournament is held during the first week of April. Lodging is hard to find during that week, and cost of

dining out tends to be higher that week. Try not to arrive during that week.

Please see Survival Tips for First Termers and Housing sections for additional information.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

The Exceptional Family Member Program provides information, referral, advocacy and support services for those military families with special need family members. The program sponsors monthly parent information exchange meetings where local support groups and resources are highlighted. For more information about local resources and for a community resource directory, call ACS at 791-3579. Enrollment in the EFMP program is mandatory. For information about enrollment, call Mavis Crowell at 791-3579. The Augusta area and Fort Gordon are blessed with a wide range of medical services covering all specialties. Some of this care is available on post at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, other more specialized care is available at the Medical College of Georgia and other area hospitals within a 15 mile radius of post.

Household Goods In-Bound Shipments

It is VERY IMPORTANT that arriving personnel contact the transportation office immediately upon arrival to advise a telephone number. When your household goods arrive, transportation must be able to contact you for delivery. Otherwise, your household goods will be placed in storage and may take longer for delivery.

Name: Transportation Office
Address: Bldg 33720, Room 111A
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-4184
Comments: Hours 0730-1600

Household Goods Out-Bound Shipments

For more information on this subject:
Fort Gordon ACS Relocation Program
<http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/relnet.htm>

PERSONAL PROPERTY SECTION

Hours of Operation 0730-1600
Location. . . . Soldier Service Center, Building 33720, Room 111

Telephone Contact: 791-4184

After Hours Emergency.791-4575

To determine your personal shipping entitlements, the Transportation Office should be your first point of contact after receiving orders. Our counselors are trained, knowledgeable, and ready to assist you. Please do not rely on advice given to you by friends. Regulations constantly change and others may not apprise you of all available options and entitlements.

The Transportation Office operates on a first-come, first-serve basis; however, if you desire, you can contact this office in advance and arrange for an appointment. Waiting time averages 30 minutes to one hour.

You may appoint someone to act in your behalf if you cannot personally visit the Transportation Office. Either a formal Power of Attorney or a letter of authorization, co-signed by a commissioned officer may be used. Be sure the person you choose knows

what you want and has all the facts necessary to make the right arrangements.

The Do-It-Yourself (DITY) Program is a self-help program through which you may qualify for an incentive payment. If you are interested in this type of move, ask a counselor for all the details.

Remember, we are here to assist you. If questions arise, contact your TRANSPORTATION OFFICE.

Additional information on this subject can be found in our PCS Guide, available on-line at the web site listed above.

Name: Transportation Office
Address: Bldg 33720 Room 111A
City: Ft Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706)791-4184

Household Goods Claims

Claims are handled by the JAG claims office at 791-6542/6523.

Household Goods Weight Allowances

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Allowance w/Dependents</i>	<i>Allowance wo/Dependents</i>
E1	5000	1500
E2	5000	1500
E3	5000	2000
E4	7000	3500
E5	9000	7000
E6	11000	8000
E7	12500	10500
E8	13500	11000
E9	14500	12000
W-1	12000	10000
W-2	13500	12500
W-3	14500	13000
W-4	17000	14000
O-1	12000	10000
O-2	13500	12500
O-3	14500	13000
O-4	17000	14000
O-5	17500	16000
O-6+	18000	18000

POV In-Bound Shipments

DIRECTIONS TO CHARLESTON PORT

Take I-20 to Columbia. From Columbia, take I-26 toward Charleston. Exit at exit 211B (East Aviation

Avenue/Remount Road). Follow Aviation Avenue and turn right onto Rivers Avenue. At next traffic light, turn left onto Remount Road. Follow Remount Road to Virginia Avenue and turn left into the Naval Weapons Station, South Annex. Gate guard will direct you to POV facility.

Telephone number for POV processing is 1-800-824-8496.

Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 0800-1700 hours. Closed on Federal holidays.

POV INBOUND FORT GORDON REQUIREMENTS:

Upon arriving at Fort Gordon from overseas you have 45 days in which to report to Vehicle Registration in order to register your vehicle. Shipping documents, lien documents, and an LES will be required in order to process your vehicle. Additional paper work will be issued at this time in order to register your vehicle with the state of Georgia.

POV Claims

See Household Goods Claims section above.

Pet Boarding/Kennels

Contact veterinarians listed below under Veterinary Services. No kennels are available on post.

Pet Licensing

Name: Veterinary Clinic
Address: Bldg 500
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-7375
Comments: Please refer to Veterinary Services under the Medical and Dental Section of this booklet for more info. All pets must be licensed within 5 days of arrival if living on post. Off-post, all dogs and cats must display rabies tags, available from local vets.

Pet Quarantines

There are currently no quarantines for animals coming into the state or onto post.

Veterinary Services

Register pets with the Fort Gordon Veterinary Clinic by personally bringing a copy of the pet's vaccination record to Building S-500, North Range Road. According to Fort Gordon Regulation 40-6, Animal Care and Control, this must be done within ten days of signing for government housing or obtaining the pet. Also, make sure to ask Housing Branch about their requirements. All dogs, cats, horses and ferrets that are three months or older must be registered. A

Fort Gordon rabies identification tag will be issued for those animals residing on post.

Services are available to all active duty members and their dependents, retirees and reservists who have valid Department of Defense identification cards and are enrolled in the defense enrollment eligibility reporting system. Reservists must be on active duty orders. Authorized personnel will pay for products and fees at the time services are rendered. An additional congressional fee of \$2.00 is applied to each cash register transaction.

The Veterinary Treatment Facility's mission focuses on diseases that are transmissible from animal to man. Diseases that do not fall into this category will generally be referred off post for treatment. Please call the office for guidance.

Services provided include health certificates, vaccinations, heartworm testing and preventives, fecal testing and deworming, feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus testing and microchip ID implantation. Sick call appointments for minor problems are also available. Call to set up an appointment for any of the above services.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., for product sales. Regular clinic appointments for vaccinations and sick call are seen on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Additional clinic days are often offered, but depend on the veterinarian's availability. The facility also routinely offers one Saturday morning and one Friday evening clinic per month. Call for dates and times.

Name: Acute Care Clinic
Address: 411 Vaughn Road
City: Martinez, GA
Phone: (706) 868-7955
Comments: Hours M-F 0800-1600, Sat 0800-1300

Name: Aidmore Animal Clinic
Address: 1701 North Leg Court
City: Augusta, GA
Phone: (706) 733-7181
Comments: Hours M-F 0800-1800

Name: Village Animal Hospital
Address: 2803 Wrightsboro Road
City: Augusta, GA
Phone: (706) 733-9893

Pet Transportation

Pet transportation questions should be referred to your outbound transportation office or to the personal property office.

Name: Personal Property Section
Address: Bldg 33720
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-4184 Comm (706) 791-4184

PCS Reporting Procedures

All military personnel arriving at Fort Gordon should report to the Soldier Service Center, Darling Hall, located on the corner of Chamberlain Avenue and Kilbourne Street. When reporting, personnel should have orders, DA Form 31 (Request and Authority for Leave), and all personnel records, as well as medical and dental records. Personnel reporting between 2100 and 0730 should report to the 15th Signal Brigade, Building 25710, on Barnes Avenue. Reporting information is also available at the Military Police Station.

Name: Military Personnel Division
POC: Ms. Sandy Huffman
Address: Darling Hall
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-7649 Comm (706) 791-7649
Comments: See instructions for inprocessing locations.

Separation Procedures

Transitioning soldiers should contact the Army Career and Alumni Program for information and assistance.

Name: Army Career and Alumni Program
POC: Jim Zills
Address: ATZH-HRT
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-7336 Comm (706) 791-7336

Billeting

Modern guest house facilities are available on Fort Gordon for soldiers of all ranks. The Stinson Guest House, Building 37300, has 106 rooms comparable to quality local accommodations. The guest house can be easily spotted by its unique green gable roof and cupola atop its annex. There is sufficient parking, attractive landscaping and a completely fenced

playground for children. Picnic tables and barbecue grills are also available for guests. Priority of assignment is given to permanent change of station personnel, hospital patients and visitors, and graduating student's visitors. Advance reservations are suggested and may be made by calling 793-7160. Other visitor categories are accepted on a space available basis. Additional temporary lodging assets include temporary duty accommodations for up to 848 personnel. Of these, 464 are available for officers and enlisted visitors. Distinguished Visitor Quarters also are available for official visitors. Administration of these temporary duty facilities is the responsibility of the Billeting Office, Griffith Hall, Building 250 on Chamberlain Avenue. For temporary lodging information, call 790-3676.

Name: Billeting Office, Griffith Hall
Address: Chamberlain Avenue
City: Ft Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 790-3676
DSN Phone: 780-3676
Comments: TDY, BOQ, DVQ facilities

Name: Stinson Guest House
Address: Avenue of the States
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 793-7160

Unaccompanied PCS

The Transportation Office, located in Darling Hall, should be able to provide all required information concerning unaccompanied PCS moves. For more information contact the transportation office at (706) 791-4184.

Support Services

Support Services Overview

At Fort Gordon, soldiers and families will find a wide variety of support services. Specific agencies are listed below along with a brief description of their services.

Family Centers

Army Community Service

Army Community Service is a worldwide program designed to provide both active duty and retired military families with a centrally located as well as unit based responsive source of information and

assistance in solving problems of a personal nature. The program functions as an expansive social service network for the military community. At Fort Gordon, Army Community Service is located in the Soldier Service Center, Building 33720, Darling Hall, at the corner of Chamberlain Avenue and Kilbourne Street.

Relocation Services

The Relocation Program is designed to assist and support soldiers and their families during their moves from one military community to another. Through the lending closet, basic household goods are made accessible to relocating families on a 30-day loan basis. For more information, call DSN 780-1922/4181 or (706)791-1331/4181.

Welcome Center

If you are new to Fort Gordon and the Augusta area, you need to visit the new Fort Gordon Welcome Center in the lobby of Darling Hall. Army Community Service staffs the desk and offers the latest information to help you find exactly what you need on Fort Gordon and in the Augusta Area. For more information call DSN 780-1331 or (706)791-1331.

Financial Readiness and Army Emergency Relief

For those families experiencing financial difficulty, the Financial Readiness Program is prepared to assist them in establishing a realistic budget. Information and literature on a variety of consumer-related issues, including processing of consumer complaints, are available. For those active duty or retired military families who find themselves in unexpected, emergency financial situations, the Army Emergency Relief Program stands ready to assist them with an interest free loan or outright grant. The program also provides assistance to spouses and orphans of deceased service members. Active duty soldiers should apply to Army Emergency Relief through their unit commanders. For more information, call 791-4181/4544.

Family Member Employment Assistance Program

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program provides family members and separating or retiring soldiers with information and assistance regarding employment opportunities in the surrounding area. Services include a job bank of available job opportunities, individual counseling,

workshops and resume assistance. Call 791-3579 for more information.

Information, Referral and Follow-Up Program

The Information, Referral and Follow-Up Program provides soldiers and their families ready access to information that will assist them in meeting their basic needs and improving the quality of their lives. A resource file with comprehensive, accurate and up-to-date information on military and civilian community resources is available. Call DSN 780-3579 or (706)791-3579.

Exceptional Family Member Program

The Exceptional Family Member Program provides information, referral, advocacy and support services for those military families with special need family members. The program sponsors monthly support group meetings and offers recreational activities designed specifically for families with disabled family members. More information is available at DSN 780-3470 or (706) 791-3470.

Swap & Assist Shop

The Swap & Assist Shop, located in Building 39101 in the Brems Barracks area, is open to all military, retirees and their family members. Donated items such as clothing, shoes, kitchen utensils, baby items and other household goods are available free of charge to Grades E-4 and below. Soldiers in Grades E-5 and above, as well as their family members, are asked to bring merchandise of equal value to swap. The Swap & Assist Shop is open on Thursdays during the school year from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations of usable clothing and household items are always welcome.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop, an Officers' Wives' Club function, is operated for the benefit and use of all military and civilian personnel. The Thrift Shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month (October thru May) from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is located in Building 39102, Brems Barracks area at Avenue of the States and 40th Street. The shop accepts clothing and other miscellaneous items for sale on consignment. Call 791-5083 for information.

Volunteer Program

Army Community Service's volunteers work hand-in-hand with staff members to provide quality services to the Fort Gordon community. The following list reflects just a few of the wealth of services provided by Army Community Service volunteers: Christmas House Project, manpower for the Swap & Assist Shop, information and referral services, employment and relocation assistance, and the welcome center. Army Community Service thrives on volunteer support. Anyone interested in volunteering their time should contact Army Community Service at 791-3579 or Community Life Services at 791-2820.

Community Life

Community Life Services provides a centralized point where individuals can get information about volunteer opportunities on the installation and where activities and agencies can get assistance in establishing, maintaining and developing their respective volunteer programs.

The Community Life Services office is also responsible for the quality of life program which sponsors the Human Resource Council and its three subcommittees on Family, Service Member and Civilian. Army Family Team Building, Army Family Week, Military Spouse Day, and the Mayor's Program are among many special projects coordinated by Community Life Services. If you are interested in finding out about Fort Gordon's quality of life programs, volunteer opportunities or obtaining assistance from volunteers, visit the Community Life Center located in Building 39107, Brems Barracks area at Avenue of the States and 40th Street, or call 791-3880.

Name: Army Community Service Officer
POC: Vanessa Stanley
Address: ATZH-CAF-C
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-3579 Comm (706) 791-3579
FAX: DSN 780-7880 Comm (706) 791-7880
Comments: See descriptions of individual programs.

Information and Referral

Name: Information and Referral
POC: Deborah Stewart, Christine Hernandez
Address: ATZH-CAF-C
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-3579 (706) 791-3579/4718
FAX: DSN 780-7880 (706) 791-7880
Comments: Maintains resource files on organizations in the local area which may be of use to military families.

Financial Assistance Programs

Name: Financial Readiness Program
POC: Lanny Valentine, Diane Sarber
Address: ATZH-CAF-C
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-4181/4544 Comm (706) 791-4181/4544
FAX: DSN 780-7880 Comm (706) 791-4181
Comments: Please see description above.

Emergency Assistance

Name: Army Emergency Relief
POC: Lanny Valentine
Address: ATZH-CAF-C
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-4181 Comm (706) 791-4181
FAX: DSN 780-7880 Comm (706) 791-7880
Comments: Provides emergency financial assistance in certain circumstances. Assistance may also be obtained from any office of the American Red Cross or appropriate aid societies on other military bases.

Name: Family Advocacy Program
POC: Vanessa Stanley
Address: ATZH-CAF-C Room 367, Darling Hall
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-3579 Comm (706) 791-3579
FAX: DSN 780-7880 Comm (706) 791-7880
Comments: Please see program description below for more information.

Family Advocacy

Family Advocacy Program

The Family Advocacy Program recognizes the special needs of military families. The program's goal is the prevention of child and spouse maltreatment through the provisions of prevention, education and awareness services. To accomplish this, the Family Advocacy Program offers many services to aid soldiers and their family members in maintaining the integrity of the family unit: emergency shelter, emergency transportation, emergency child care, respite care, domestic violence prevention education, Outreach/Home Visits, First Steps, International Friends, Sole Parent, referrals to community based programs, crisis intervention and public education. The program works cooperatively with medical treatment facilities, other supportive service organizations and unit commanders in order to accomplish its goals. Call 791-7557/3579.

Family Advocacy Program works with individuals and families to strengthen family relationships and prevent child and spouse maltreatment. The program is dedicated to enhancing individual coping skills and alleviate the underlying causes of stress associated with family violence. FAP provides preventive education services which restore and maintain a healthy environment, while reporting and treatment are provided through Social Work Services (SWS). Some of the services available through ACS FAP are:

EMERGENCY SHELTER: FAP provides a safe environment for family members who are at risk for family violence. Shelter is provided until a long term plan can be arranged by the client and SWS. The length of stay varies with each individual case.

EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION: When all other resources fail and a bonafide need exists, transportation (in the form of taxi service) can be made available to military families.

EMERGENCY RESPITE CARE: As a preventive measure in potentially abusive situations, to give parents a break from a stressful child-rearing situations, or to facilitate treatment, child care can be provided to military families for a limited period.

SOLE PARENT PROGRAM: Support services, information and referral, and special activities for the soldier rearing his/her children as a single parent.

NEW PARENT SUPPORT "PLAY-GROUP": This program offers three weekly developmentally appropriate groups (infants, toddlers, and preschool) for parents and children up to 5 years old to enjoy play interactive time together, networking skills

building, mutual support and learning more about child development at no charge.

VICTIM ADVOCACY: When spouse abuse occurs, this new program offers the victim "lay support" or assistance that involves the full spectrum of the victim's experience from reporting to resolution or emotional recovery. Telephone follow-up, transportation, empathic listening, supportive counseling are just a few ways our volunteers and staff assist.

WORKSHOPS/CLASSES: FAP provides a wide range of classes designed to enhance interpersonal skills. These are offered on a regular basis, and include:

COMMAND EDUCATION, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION, CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION, CHILD SAFETY, STRESS MANAGEMENT, CHANGE MANAGEMENT, STOP ANGER AND VIOLENCE ESCALATION, PARENTING, COUPLES COMMUNICATION, FAMILY DYNAMICS, EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE, AND CHILDREN COPING WITH DIVORCE: For more information, call 791-3579/7557.

Single Member Services

For more information on this subject:
<http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs>

The Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers (BOSS) program offers a wide range of activities and community service opportunities for the single soldier, sailor, airman, or Marine.

Name: BOSS Program
POC: Diane Sarber
Address: Army Community Service, Darling Hall
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-4544 Comm (706) 791-4544
FAX: DSN 780-7880 Comm (706) 791-7880
Comments: Contact POC for meeting times and locations.

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on post at 1130 hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and at 1930 hours on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Contact the Community Counseling Center at 787-5392 for more information.

ACS Family Advocacy Program offers support groups for certain special populations. Contact ACS at 791-7557/3579 for information.

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

For more information on this subject:

Fort Gordon MWR

<http://www.fortgordon.com>

Sports and Fitness Facilities

The installation sports program offers over 100 facilities for dedicated sports enthusiasts or for the occasional athlete. Programs are geared to the needs and desires of the Fort Gordon community with an emphasis on unit level participation. The sports office also offers a variety of special events throughout the year.

The Fort Gordon Fitness Center (Gym 6) is located in Building 21713 on the corner of Barnes Avenue and 21st Street. The center has nautilus machines and expert instructors to assist patrons in the proper use of the machines for maximum health and fitness. The center also offers individual saunas for men and women. Regular programs in weight training, aerobics and racquetball are conducted here. In addition to the Fitness Center, there are three other gyms on post with exercise equipment and basketball and racquetball courts. 791-2599.

Swimming Pools

791-3034 791-3550 791-8954

A 50-meter Olympic size indoor pool is located on the corner of 25th Street and Barnes Avenue in Building 21608. This pool is open seven days a week and offers locker use for pool pass members. Programs offered include lifeguard classes, winter and summer child swim lessons, adult swim lessons, water aerobics, lap swim and recreational swim. 791-3034.

Ring Hall Pool, located on Officers Drive off Brainard Avenue, has a baby pool, high and low diving boards and a slide. This outdoor pool is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. 791-3550.

Both swimming pools are open to all ranks and grades. 791-8954.

Golfing the Greens

791-2433

One of the finest golf courses in the south, Gordon Lakes Golf Course was designed and built in 1976 by Robert Trent Jones, the world renowned golf course architect. It is a true championship layout which has hosted the All Armed Forces Championships and the All Army Golf Trials. It currently offers a 27-hole course with a practice range, practice putting and chipping greens. Also available are rental clubs, pull carts, lockers, electric carts and a well stocked pro shop. The course has an active tournament program, handicap services and offers instruction for beginners as well as advanced golfers. Gordon Lakes is located on Range Road south of the main post. 791-2433.

Bowling Center

791-3446

Gordon Lanes offers bowling for all ages. It is located in Building 33200, next to the Post Exchange s PXtra. This center has 24 ABC-sanctioned bowling lanes, automatic scorers, a variety of electronic video and amusement machines, a full service snack bar, a pro shop and the "Kegler s Lounge" sports lounge featuring pool tables, video games, volleyball courts, sports TV and beverage services. Gordon Lanes is open seven days a week for both open and league bowling.

Library

791-7323

Woodworth Consolidated Library, Building 33500, located at Rice Road and Brainard Avenue, provides comprehensive library services to the Fort Gordon community. The central point of access for information resources in print or digitized format, the library consists of 48,000 books, 10,000 military publications and over 200 periodical subscriptions. The library s mission is to provide support for the training, educational and recreational interests of U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon personnel and military family members.

Additionally, the library offers a wide assortment of information databases, computers with Internet access, affiliation with Defense Technical & Information Center, professional reference service, interlibrary loan service, CDs, DVDs and other multimedia, and a children's book collection. DiaFA-Story operates daily by calling 791-3334.

The Great Outdoors

791-3034

For the outdoor enthusiast, Fort Gordon is a paradise.

Mirror Lake provides a peaceful and scenic area for a pleasant respite from the day's activities. The lake offers an outdoor covered patio with picnic tables adequate to seat 70 people. The clubhouse can accommodate 100 people and is fully equipped with refrigerator, ice machine, wet bar, fireplace and rest rooms. Open year-round, Mirror Lake is located off North Range Road.

Leitner Lake is just off Gibson Road near Range Control. This area is a sportsman's paradise, providing both hunting and fishing leisure time activities. The lake is amply stocked for fishermen, while game-managed hunting areas are available for hunters. Scheduled activities and programs include fishing tournaments and hunter safety classes. The Sportsman's Club Restaurant is open Thursday-Saturday at Leitner Lake. Picnic tables, a children's playground, covered pavilion and primitive camping sites are also available at Leitner Lake. Hunting and fishing licenses may be purchased at Fort Gordon's Army Lodging Office in Griffith Hall, Building 250 on Chamberlain Avenue.

Fort Gordon Recreation Area

541-1057

The Fort Gordon Recreation Area is located 23 miles from Fort Gordon on Highway 104 near Leah, Georgia. Some of the activities available on this 912-acre preserve are camping, picnicking, water skiing, swimming, hiking, boating and fishing. Campers can choose from more than 100 sites with primitive, partial or full hookups available. Camping equipment is also available for rental.

For campers who enjoy the outdoors tempered with the comforts of home, there are rental cabins, mobile homes and motel rooms available. Slips, sheds and camper storage spaces are available for rent. At the Fort Gordon Recreation Area you will also find picnic tables, barbecue grills, a swimming beach, bathhouses, a playground, a covered pavilion, country store and hiking trail.

Riding Stables

791-4864

The Fort Gordon Hilltop Riding Stables are located off North Range Road at 16th Avenue. More than 250 acres of trails are available to horseback riders.

Lessons are offered for beginners to advanced riders. Hay rides, pony rides and well organized trail rides for groups are conducted. Included are summer and holiday youth horse camps, lakeside ride outs, horseback adventure and education sessions, and Fort Gordon's Pony 'n Saddle Club.

Nature Trail

791-2327 791-5016

Fort Gordon offers a unique setting for all to enjoy at its wildlife viewing blind and nature trail in Training Area 34 on Rowe Lane. Experience nature at its best; you may encounter river otter, beaver, raccoon, wood ducks, great blue herons, whitetail deer and eastern wild turkey, as well as many species of reptiles and amphibians. The site is ideal for family outings.

Directions: From Gate 5 on Avenue of the States, drive approximately 0.75 miles to North Range Road and turn left. Continue on North Range Road 1.5 miles, past Olive Terrace and Training Areas 10 and 11 to Range Road. Turn left on Range Road and continue 3.25 miles, past Gordon Lakes Golf Course to McDuffie Road (left fork in road). Continue on McDuffie Road past the Game Warden and Fish & Wildlife to Union Mill Pond and Jones Chapel Road (5.25 miles). Turn right on Jones Chapel, continue to Rowe Lane (approximately 200m) and turn right. The nature trail and observation tower/viewing blind are on the right next to Beaver Pond (approximately 350m).

The nature trail and viewing blind are handicap accessible and open to the public. For more information, call the Environmental and Natural Resources Management Office at 791-2327 or 791-5016.

Freedom Park Trail System

Boy Scout Troop 99 created the Freedom Park Trail System in 2001 with assistance from numerous Fort Gordon and Augusta area volunteers. Authorized activities include hiking, trail biking and running. No motorized bikes or vehicles are allowed at any time. The Freedom Park Trail System exists to provide a safe location for the Fort Gordon community to enjoy outdoor fitness activities and the natural beauty of our outdoor areas. See the entire trail system on the Fort Gordon installation foldout map or at the web site address.

Clubs, Dining & Entertainment

The Gordon Club

791-6780

The Gordon Club provides a top quality dining and entertainment facility for the community. The club offers breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, special event programs, Sunday brunch, party services and a complete catering service. The Gordon Club is located on the corner of 19th Street and Brainard Avenue. 791-6780.

Kegler s Lounge

791-8716

Kegler s Lounge, adjacent to Gordon Lanes, is open to military and civilians. The sports theme offers an atmosphere of camaraderie with pool tables, six large televisions, video games and your favorite beverages and snacks. Current televised sports events (including closed circuit) are shown via satellite.

Signal Caf

791-7019

Signal Caf offers a variety of soups, salads, hamburgers, sandwiches, a hot bar and pizzeria. Located on the first floor of Signal Towers, Building 29808, the Signal Caf is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Signal Caf offers a variety of breakfast, lunch and snack items. 791-7019

The Grill

791-1148

The Grill at Darling Hall offers a variety of breakfast and lunch items including soups, salads, hamburgers and sandwiches. Located on the first floor of Darling Hall, Building 33720, The Grill is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Entertainment Program

791-4389 793-8552

The Fort Gordon Entertainment Program, located in Building 32100 in the Post Exchange s PXtra complex, offers a full season of professionally directed and produced theatrical and concert attractions. Using an all-volunteer cast, crew and

backstage helpers, participants come from both the military and civilian communities. This program produces the critically acclaimed Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre. The dinner theatre has a full season of Broadway type musicals, comedies, dramatic presentations and special attractions. The program now offers outdoor concerts featuring nationally known entertainers. The Entertainment Program is always looking for new talent and dedicated workers to participate in each production. Prior theatrical experience is not necessary. For reservations and information, call 791-4389 or 793-8552.

Chapel Services and Programs

Fort Gordon's military religious program offers many spiritually-oriented activities for families and single service members alike. Worship services for many faiths, Bible study groups, music programs and retreat ministries are only a few of the activities available to Fort Gordon's military, family members and civilian employees. For additional information, call the Installation Chaplain s Office at 791-4683.

Protestant

Sunday School classes are held each week for all age groups. Collective Protestant worship services are offered Sundays in two of Fort Gordon's three chapels, the Signal Theater and at the hospital. Denominational services are provided on a regular basis and are announced in The Signal newspaper.

Special groups such as the Protestant Women of the Chapel, Protestant Men of the Chapel and Protestant Youth Ministry meet regularly and sponsor a wide variety of programs and activities.

Catholic

Masses are held each weekday and on Saturdays and Sundays at various times at the Hospital and Good Shepherd Chapel.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes are given weekly from September through May, and Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults begins in September. Catholic organizations offer unique fellowship and worship opportunities including the Catholic Youth Organization, Military Council of Catholic Women, Catholic Men of the Chapel and TEC - Troops Encounter Christ, a retreat for military personnel. For additional information, call the Good Shepherd Chapel at 791-2945.

Jewish

For more information, call 791-4683.

Muslim

Muslim worship and education are held each week at the Muslim Activity Center, Building 38804, on Academic Drive. For more information, call 791-4683.

Denominational Services

Some denominational services are conducted on post. For additional information, call the Installation Chaplain's Office at 791-4683 or 791-4684. Religious services off post are listed in the local yellow pages and in The Signal newspaper.

Religious Education Programs

Many faith development programs are offered and resources are available for loan through the Religious Education Center.

The BI&BLE Railroad (Vacation Bible School) offers an exciting opportunity two days a week, for two to three weeks in the summer. This is for children ages 3 through 11 to experience Bible study, puppet shows, crafts and a host of other fun activities. For more information, call the Religious Education Center at 791-4703.

Other Special Services and Ministries

Single service members can participate in a variety of programs tailored to meet their needs, such as troop discussion groups and retreats.

Other ministries include both Catholic and Protestant premarital instruction, retreats of all types and both contemporary and traditional musical programs.

Fort Gordon's Family Life Center offers a well-rounded program of family and marriage enrichment seminars, couples' growth groups and workshops on communication skills and parent-child relationships.

For more information on all religious activities at Fort Gordon, including dates, times, locations and further details concerning the various programs and services offered, consult your unit chaplain or call the Installation Chaplain's Office at 791-4683.

Drug and Alcohol

Community Counseling Center

The Fort Gordon Community Counseling Center, located in Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Building 300 and the Alcohol & Drug Control Office is located in Building 38702 on 7th Avenue at 38th Street and Brainard Avenue, operate and implement the Army Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention & Control Program.

The Community Counseling Center provides treatment for substance abuse patients who are active duty soldiers, reserve components, Department of the Army Civilians, family members and retirees affected by substance abuse. Assistance is available to eligible persons whose job, family, physical or emotional well being is affected by substance abuse. Family members are greatly impacted by the addictive process and are therefore strongly encouraged to engage in the recovery process as well.

The Fort Gordon Community Counseling Center offers comprehensive evaluations and rehabilitation treatment in an outpatient or inpatient setting. The program also offers the Employee Assistance Program which is designed to help employees whose job performance has fallen to unsatisfactory levels. Through this program, employees receive the help needed to become productive again. Education classes and urinalysis testing are provided for patients enrolled in the Community Counseling Center. For further information, call the Community Counseling Center at 787-5392 or the Alcohol & Drug Control Office at 791-3674 or 791-3437.

Legal Assistance

Legal Services

The Fort Gordon Claims and Legal Assistance Divisions of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, and the Trial Defense Service Office are here to serve you and your family's legal needs. The Legal Assistance Office plays a major role in enhancing the quality of life for all soldiers, retirees, and their family members. Legal services are designed to fit the needs and circumstances of the individual. These personal legal services are confidential and at no charge to eligible persons. The Legal Assistance Office is located in Winship Hall, Building 29718 on B Street. Appointments can be made by calling 791-7812 or by visiting the office. Operating hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Legal Assistance Office also provides a walk-in service on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m. Notary service, powers of attorney, attorney referral, tax and immigration forms, drop off legal questions

and long distance legal business calls are all available on a walk-in basis any time the office is open. Other legal assistance, such as wills, domestic relations, consumer issues and contract disputes, is available on an appointment basis. Free electronic tax filing is available every year between January and April. The Claims Office is located in Building 29718. Appointments can be made by calling 791-6523. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00. Most claims are turned in on an appointment basis in order to allow each claimant time to sit down with the claims adjudicator and personally discuss his or her claim in a relaxed atmosphere. At the end of the appointment the claimant will know how much they will be receiving for their claim. For those claimants who are unable to make an appointment, and for small claims of eight items or less, the office provides drop off service. Extended operating hours (until 5:30 p.m.) may be available for emergencies and for personnel who cannot come during normal business hours. The US Army Trial Defense Service, Fort Gordon Field Office, located in Building 29718, provides advice and representation to soldiers under investigation (suspects) and to those soldiers facing adverse actions, to include courts-martial, nonjudicial punishment (Article 15), and administrative separations. Soldiers pending nonjudicial punishment or administrative separation will normally be seen on an appointment basis only, and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Soldiers suspected of committing an offense, under investigation, or pending court-martial charges can call or walk-in, and they will be seen as soon as possible. Appointments are made by calling the Trial Defense Service Field Office at 791-3666 or 791-7334. In addition to Claims, Legal Assistance, and Trial Defense Services, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate has a Criminal Law and Administrative Law Division. Questions or comments about legal services may be directed to the Staff Judge Advocate at 791-3043.

Child And Teen Services

Child and Teen Services Overview

Fort Gordon Child Development Services (CDS) is offered as a supplement to, not a substitute for, the family as a primary agent for the care and development of the child provides a program of structured, closely monitored group experiences relevant to the age/development of the child. The programs address the social, intellectual, physical growth, and well being of children. The developmental activities are structured to promote a

child's positive self-image by enhancing social, cognitive, and communicative skills. All CDS programs are mandated by congress, and all food service must meet United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requirements. The CDS programs at Fort Gordon are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and certified by the Department of Defense (DOD).

ON SITE SERVICES

MAIN CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER: The CDS full-day care program is located in bldg 44401 near gate 5. This is the program for the parent who requires child care services for 6-11 hours per day on a regular scheduled basis. The center operates from 0515 to 1800 hours M-F and is closed on Federal Holidays. Programming is available for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years.

Our goal is to provide loving care and enriching experiences to help children develop emotionally, socially, cognitively, and physically through "learning by doing", in a secure environment. The curriculum offers a variety of planned, age-appropriate indoor/outdoor activities, parties, field trips, group experiences, and individual experiences. Parents are encouraged to become familiar with the staff and the activity calendar.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER ANNEX: The Annex houses the Pre-Kindergarten program and the main CDS offices. Operating hours are M-F 0800-1500, closed on Federal Holidays. The Georgia Pre-Kindergarten program operates in this facility during the school year. Because this program is funded by lottery dollars, there are no fees involved. Children are pre-registered in the spring and are selected by lottery to fill the 40 available spaces. The "High Scope" curriculum is used in the Georgia Pre-K program.

Daily age-appropriate activities are developmental in nature. Field trips are an integral part of the curriculum as are activities for fine and gross motor development.

The program offers 220 full day spaces, 40 preschool spaces, and 17 hourly care spaces. Special needs care is also available.

Care is available for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children. Rates vary from \$177-410 per month, and are based on total family income.

CARE DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Family Child Care Homes (FCC)

Care Provided-Range of rates (\$60-\$80 per wk)

Multi-age Homes
Special Purpose Homes
Infant/Toddler Homes
Special Needs Homes
School Age Homes
Newborn Infant Homes
Bilingual Homes
Extended Hours/Weekend
Long Term Care

Supplemental Programs and Services

CDS Resource and Referral
School Age Services
Short-Term Alternative Child Care
Volunteer Care in Unit Settings

Family Child Care Program

Typical Number of Homes 20-25
Number of Spaces 100-175

Family Child Care: (FCC) is care provided in government quarters by an adult family member (18 yrs or older) to non related children for 10 hrs a week. FCC is an alternative care system for those who prefer home style settings or need special care. It is also excellent for the parents who require extended hours of care. The parent interviews and selects the provider, the rates are negotiated between the parent and the provider. CDS does not and will not set FCC rates, except for the yearly registration fees.

All FCC providers are either provisionally or fully certified. All have been carefully screened through National Agency Checks (NAC) and through Army Medical Center world-wide computer systems. Training includes: Developmental Courses, Nutrition Courses, etc. In addition, their homes are inspected and monitored on a routine basis by the Installation Fire, Safety, and Health inspectors as well as announced and unannounced inspections by CDS management.

YOUTH SERVICES: Youth Services provides a comprehensive program of Leisure/Recreation, Sports/Fitness, and Developmental activities for youth ages 6-18 for the families of Ft Gordon. Activities include day camps, pine camp

(resident summer camp), pre teen (6-12) and teen (13-18) team sports, instructional classes in karate, gymnastics, and dance. Teens in Action (TIA) and Teen Adventure Program (TAP) are also available.

Name: CDS Annex (Georgia Pre-K Program)
Address: Bldg 33800
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-6494 Comm (706) 791-6494

Name: Child Development Center
Address: Bldg 44401
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-2701 Comm (706) 791-2701

Name: Youth Services
Address: Bldg 45410
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-5104 Comm (706) 791-5104

New Parent Program

The Army Family Advocacy Program (FAP) at Fort Gordon works with the social workers and Ob-Gyn staff at the Medical College of Georgia Hospital, where military families deliver newborns. After delivery each family receives a letter from FAP. Arrangements are made through a contractor for home visits as requested by MCG and EAMC staff.

FAP offers a bimonthly briefing at the Ob-Gyn orientation at EAMC to educate families on the resources and services that are offered in the promotion of family wellness and the prevention of family violence.

FAP provides parents of newborns with a "Getting You and Baby Off to a Good Start" packet after attending the Ob-Gyn class or after receiving FAP education. FAP also provides a newborn packet after delivery.

FAP sponsors a La Leche League breast feeding support group, which meets the third Thursday of each month at Army Community Service.

Love and Logic parenting classes are offered in six week sessions. Both morning and evening classes are offered.

Family Advocacy invites everyone to attend our education and support programs.

Name: Family Advocacy Program
Address: Darling Hall, Room 367
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-3648/3579 Comm (706) 791-3648/3579
FAX: DSN 780-7880 Comm (706) 791-7880

Child Care Programs - on Installation

Child Development Services operates two child development facilities and a Family Child Care Program on Fort Gordon for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. Full-day and hourly care is provided in the Main Child Development Center, Building 44401. With a capacity for 218 children, this facility accommodates patrons who need six to eleven hours of care per day for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 5:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 791-2701. Hourly Care, for the patron who requires sporadic child care, may be used for up to 20 hours per week per child but reservations are a must. The program operates Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Child Development Center Annex, Building 33800, is located across from Darling Hall. This facility houses the Georgia Pre-K Program. The School Age Services Program is administrated from Building 45410. Currently services are offered in Building 45410 during the school year from 5:15 to 8:30 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. This program is for the patron who requires before and/or after school care. Children who ride school buses which serve the installation may participate in this program. Children are also picked up from five area schools. It operates full days during school vacations and school holidays. Call 791-5104. The administrative offices for the Family Child Care Program are located in Building 45400. This program is available for the parent who prefers family style care or who needs extended hours care. Care is provided by trained, monitored Family Child Care providers in approved government quarters. The administrative office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The homes operate through contract agreements negotiated between the parents and the providers. Call 791-4440. Short Term Alternative Child Care Services offer child care on-site for organizations or groups requiring care for at least 10 children at one time. These services, available to any group when the hourly program cannot meet their needs, should be coordinated at least 10 working days in advance of the date required. Call 791-4722. All children must be properly registered to use any Child Development Services program. All programs serve the children of

active duty military, members of reserve components on active duty, Department of Defense civilians and contractor personnel who work on post. The developmental child care curriculum includes arts and crafts, infant stimulation program, field trips, as well as pre-readiness skills in math, reading and language arts. Schedules of all activities are posted weekly. All programs are part of the non-pricing U.S. Department of Agriculture Child Care Food Program which provides breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack at no additional cost.

Name: Annex Child Development Center
POC: Mary Godwin
Address: Bldg 33800
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-4304 Comm (706) 791-4304
Comments: Hours of operation are 0515-1800 hours.

Name: Child Development Center
POC: Pamela Rachal
Address: Bldg 44401
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-2701 Comm (706) 791-2701
Comments: Hours of operation are 0515-1800 hours.

Child Care Programs - Community

The Augusta area has many day care centers. Since there are too many to list here, we have provided a point of contact for more information.

Name: Child Development Services
POC: Mary Godwin
Address: Bldg 33800
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-4304/7046

Things To Do - Clubs and Social

Please see Youth Centers section below for detailed information on YS activities.

Things To Do - Recreation and Sports

For the sports-minded, Youth Services operates leagues in a variety of team sports. Basketball and baseball is offered for ages 6-15. Football is also available for ages 6-13. The cost for all team sports is \$15.00 for the first child in family, \$12.00 for the second child, and \$10.00 for each additional.

Cheerleading is offered for ages 6-13 during and basketball seasons at a cost of \$12.00.

Schools

Fort Gordon has no DODDS schools on post. Family members, whether they live on or off the installation, attend a variety of schools in the community. Local schools offer the usual extracurricular activities and sports. Please see the Education category and the Must Know Items subject under the Installation category for more complete school information.

The Richmond County Board of Education operates 37 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, 9 high schools, and 1 alternative school geared toward students with disciplinary problems. These include three magnet schools: one elementary school for general academics, one high school for fine arts, and one high school for science, health, and engineering. Schools are accredited annually by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. More information can be obtained by calling (706)737-7200. If you are a musician or other performer, you might want to consider Davidson Fine Arts magnet school. To be admitted, you must audition.

Grading system is as follows: A 90-100, B 80-89, C 75-79, D 70-74, F 60-69.

In Columbia County, the Board of Education operates 14 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, 4 high schools, and one alternative school. All schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Services in Columbia County are essentially similar to those offered in Richmond County. For more specific information, call (706) 541-0650. For information on services for exceptional children, call (706) 868-5715.

Our web site referenced above is linked to the sites for both counties.

Georgia law requires that all students entering ninth grade must take four years of math, three years of science, three years of social studies, and one year of health and physical education. Graduation requirements vary according to the course of study and the year that the child entered ninth grade.

High schools in both counties have two tracks, college prep and vocational.

Name: Richmond County Board of Education
POC: Vicki Johnson
Address: 2083 Heckle Street
City: Augusta, GA 30904
Phone: (706) 737-7200
Comments: See Education for additional information.

Name: Columbia County Board of Education
POC: Kaye Blanchard
Address: PO Box 10
City: Appling, GA 30802
Phone: (706) 868-3725
Comments: See Education section for more information.

School Age Care

School Age Services is a program designed to be of intense interest to children ranging in ages from 5 years to 12 years. The children are arranged in group sizes of 15 to 1 caregiver and are provided a variety of activities which include swimming, horseback riding, various clubs, sports, creative play, theater, a supervised homework center, and a computer lab. Parents and children may choose from a menu of activities. Fees are based on total family income. During the school year, the hours of operation are from 0515-0830 and 1500-1800. On school out days, a full range of services are offered from 0515-1800. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are served in accordance with USDA.

Religious Programs

Contact the Center Chaplain at (706)791-4683 for detailed information on religious activities for youth.

Special Events

For information about upcoming special events and other activities, please call (706) 791-5104.

Youth Employment

Various employment opportunities are available in and around the Fort Gordon and Augusta area. In most cases if a youth wants to work and is still in high school, they need to register for a work permit at their school. During the summer months, a work permit can be obtained from the Richmond or Columbia County Board of Education (depending upon the county of residence). Other employment resources are listed below.

When picking up an application from a business, think twice about what you are wearing. You only get one chance to make a first impression.

Take the names, addresses, and phone numbers of references with you. Always get permission from the references first.

Name: Georgia Department of Labor
Address: 601 Greene Street
City: Augusta, GA 30904
Phone: (706) 721-3131

Name: Non-Appropriated Fund Personnel Office
Address: Room 307, Darling Hall, Building 33720
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-5120

Name: Employment Assistance Program
POC: Anne Fullbright
Address: Room 367, Darling Hall, Building 33720
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-4301/3579

Youth Centers

Fort Gordon's Youth Services program operates out of a modern facility containing game rooms, multipurpose rooms, and a snack bar. The building is available for preteens in late afternoon and early evening and is open to teens later in the evening. Youth Services offers karate classes for ages five through adult at a cost of \$20.00 per month. Gymnastics, ballet, tap, jazz, and creative movement classes are available for ages three through eighteen, also at a cost of \$20.00 per month. During the summer, ages 5-13 are invited to participate in the summer day camp program. Fees are based on total family income and range from \$42.00-\$62.00 per week. The program also operates during spring break week, which is always the week of the Masters golf Tournament. As an alternative for summer fun, Youth Services also offers Pine Camp, a residential Recreation Area on Thurmond Lake. For the sports-minded, Youth Services operates leagues in a variety of team sports. Basketball and baseball is offered for ages 6-15. Football is also available for ages 6-13. The cost for all team sports is \$15.00 for the first child in family, \$12.00 for the second child, and \$10.00 for each additional. Cheerleading is offered for ages 6-13 during and basketball seasons at a cost of \$12.00. Youth Services serves as a liaison for Scouting. While the Scout troops set their own policies and fees, Youth Services will be happy to take your application and forward it to the

appropriate troop. Teens have two programs of their own. Teens in Action sponsors dances, teen field trips, and other activities such as canoeing, hiking, spelunking, rappelling, and the challenge ROPES course. All Family Members, ages 6-18, of active duty or Retired Military, Army Reserve or National Guard and Civilian Employed at Fort Gordon are eligible to participate in Youth Services Activities. Eligible Youth MUST become fully registered members of YS prior to participation in any activity. The registration packet must be turned in any time during normal operating hours. To complete registration, the annual membership fee of \$24.00 per family per year must be paid.

Name: Teen Center
POC: Michelle Linder
Address: Bldg 45400
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-4455 Comm (706) 791-4455
Comments: Hours of operation 0800-2100. Contains homework center and computer lab.

Name: Youth Center
POC: Sharon Kenney
Address: Bldg 45410
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-5104 Comm (706) 791-5104
Comments: Hours of operation 0730-1900. Calendar of events available upon request.

For Teens Only

If you live on post, you'll probably go to either Spirit Creek Middle School or the Academy of Richmond County (High School). If you live off post, you might go to any of 15 middle schools or 13 high schools in Richmond or Columbia Counties. The information here is representative of the area, not one particular school.

All Richmond County elementary and middle schools have a mandatory uniform policy. Your parents can elect to opt out of the policy, but then your clothes must still meet the same standards.

Some aspects of school dress codes are left up to the principal. Others are standard at all schools. Hats and other headgear meant to be worn outside may not be worn inside the buildings. Fraternity and sorority insignias are forbidden, and sunglasses cannot be worn inside without a prescription. Don't even think about wearing anything that promotes use of drugs,

alcohol, and anything else illegal. Of course, suggestive pictures or language are not allowed.

In Columbia County schools, dress codes are more specific in some areas. All of the above apply as well. Gang attire or accessories are not permitted. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be fingertip length when standing. Some types of shorts aren't permitted at all. Bare midriffs, bare backs, low necklines, tank tops, halter tops, and halter dresses are not allowed. All undergarments must be covered. No transparent clothing allowed, and both shoulders must be covered as well. Clothing cannot have holes, rips, tears, or unfinished hems. Pants and jeans must be worn fastened and worn at the waist, not down on the hips. Shoes are required at all times. In general, clothing must reflect good taste.

Leave your pager (beeper) and cellular phone at home! They will be confiscated and kept at least until the end of the school year. This rule is enforced at school, on buses, any time on school grounds, and at any school event.

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If you're a golf fan, you may already know that the Masters is played here every year in the first week of April. Traditionally, that's spring break week for all the local schools. It's also a good chance to make a few bucks, and rub elbows with the world's best golfers (and a few celebrities), by working at the tournament.

As far as school sports go, football is king in the South. Baseball and basketball are also common, and some of the local schools are known for their teams in those sports as well. Typically, you'll also find girls fast-pitch softball, track, and other sports.

Here's what some local teens had to say:

A student at Glenn Hills Middle School, age 11, had this to say about the school:

If my best friend was about to move to Augusta, I would tell them that this middle school is bigger than the elementary school. The first thing he would need to know is have a good book bag! There are no lockers at Glenn Hills, so everyone has to carry their books in their book bag. I wish I had known that when we moved here! You will have to change classes several times a day, and each class is about 45 minutes long.

The principal is pretty cool. The teachers and principal have a party (they call it a social) for the students who do not receive more than six strikes. Just like in baseball, strikes are when you mess up in school, talking too much, not paying attention, not following expectations, etc.

Be prepared to wear uniforms. They are not that bad. You can either wear khaki or navy pants, shorts, or skirts. Your tops can be either red, white, or blue. No one is allowed to wear blue jeans. Everyone in your class will be dressed alike.

Everyone here is friendly, and most of the kids are real smart. Don't worry, school here is fun.

A 15 year old student at Academy of Richmond County (ARC) says:

There are diverse groups of students at ARC. The building is very big and that can be intimidating if you are new to the school. But do not worry, there are basically good kids at ARC.

The best way to make friends is to join clubs, and play sports. There are clubs for almost every interest, and of course all the academic clubs are there as well. The course work is fairly easy if you make it a point to keep up. With college just around the corner, all of the guidance counselors stress what courses you should be taking. Academic success is important to the teachers here. Keep a good attitude and you will enjoy ARC!

Local teens also say that the best places to hang out are:

Augusta Mall - lots of stores with cool fashions, restaurants, and several video stores

Skating Rinks - there are several in the area, all good ones

Movie Theatres - probably the most "in" theatre is the Regency Exchange 20

Youth Services - best place to meet other military kids

Survival Tips For First Termers

Survival Tips for First Termers Overview

Frequent moves are a challenging part of military life. A successful, smooth move requires careful and complete planning and lots of preparation. For the young soldier making the first move accompanied by a family, the experience may be complicated by inexperience and shortage of money. To assist you and your family in making a successful move, we've compiled few tips to get you on the way.

NOTE: If getting married before or during a PCS move, contact your commander and make sure that you follow the correct procedures EXACTLY. Otherwise, the Army will not pay for your travel and moving.

Before You Move

For more information on this subject:
<http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs>

PCS moves cost money. The Army will not be paying for many of the expenses, so a lot of it will come out of your pocket. In fact, a recent study showed that the military reimburses about 65 cents for every dollar spent on a PCS move, so the soldier pays about one-third of the cost of the move. Also, most of the expenses covered by the Army will not be paid until after the move is complete. Start saving early. Also, dislocation allowance is not paid to soldiers making their first PCS from student status to permanent party.

Try to get a sponsor at your new post. Since he or she will be at the installation, the sponsor is one of the best sources to get answers to your questions.

Go to the Army Community Service Relocation office at your post and request a SITES booklet for the new installation. This will put some information into your hands immediately. Then contact ACS at the gaining installation and request a welcome packet. If you have access to the internet, you may be able to get up-to-date information on your next installation from the web. While at ACS, ask to see the new "Moving Money" video.

Get your new mailing address, even if it is only a temporary one. You'll need somewhere to forward your mail until you get settled in.

Send out change-of-address cards to all the appropriate companies and people. Make a list and keep it for the next move.

Pack all the important papers (ID cards, records, orders, wills, powers of attorney, etc.) and keep it handy during the move. It may take a while to get your household goods on the other end of the move, so don't pack away anything you'll need, such as immunization records to enroll kids in school.

Go to the finance office and ask for help in figuring out what you will EVENTUALLY receive in the form of travel pay and extra allowances. Make sure you know what records to keep.

Clean out all your household goods. Have a yard sale or donate "stuff" to charity. If you haven't used it lately, you probably never will, and extra stuff can put your household goods over the weight limits.

Arrange for temporary housing on both ends of the move.

Pick up school records or arrange for mailing to new schools.

Pick up any medical records and keep them with you during the move.

Since many lending closets do not stock linens, pillows, or blankets, mail those items to your new address before leaving.

DO NOT close your bank account, even if you intend to open a new account at new duty station. Should you not get the paperwork done in time, your direct deposit will still go the old account. If it is closed, your pay cannot be deposited!

After You Arrive

Check with ACS office to borrow essential items from the lending closet. Most lending closets will stock cooking and eating utensils, baby items, and something to sleep on.

Go to the Family Housing office for assistance with quarters.

Notify transportation of your arrival and schedule delivery of household goods.

Name: Army Community Service Lending Closet
POC: Lanny Valentine
Address: Bldg 33720, Darling Hall
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: (706) 791-3579 DSN 780-3579
Comments: Bring copy of orders assigning soldier to Fort Gordon.

Name: Installation Housing Office
POC: Sandra Grantum
Address: Room 129, Darling Hall
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-5223 Comm (706) 791-5223
FAX: DSN 780-5319 Comm (706) 791-5319

Name: Transportation Office- Household goods inbound
Address: Bldg 33720, Darling Hall
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-3924 Comm (706) 791-3924

Reporting Procedures

All personnel arriving at Fort Gordon as permanent party should report to Darling Hall, Building 33720, on the corner of Chamberlain Avenue and Kilbourne Street. When reporting, personnel should have orders, DA Form 31 (Request and Authority for Leave), and all personnel records, as well as medical and dental records. 791-3649.

Personnel assigned to the Gordon Regional Security Operations Center should report to the Gordon Regional Security Operations Center Component Headquarters, Building 28423 on Brainard Avenue. 791-9181.

Trainee/student personnel reporting after 4 p.m. weekdays and on weekends and holidays should report to the Receiving and Processing Company, Building 25710, on Barnes Avenue. 791-8314.

Reporting information is also available at the Military Police Station, Building 29717, on Rice Road and B Street, adjacent to Connelly Health Clinic. 791-4380.

If needed, ask for permissive TDY for house hunting.

Name: Military Personnel Division
POC: Ms. Sandy Huffman
Address: ATZH-HRA
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-7649 Comm (706) 791-7649
Comments: See text above for inprocessing locations.

Travel Planning

Do not take an advance pay unless absolutely necessary. Soldiers are always getting into financial trouble by taking advance pay, then using the money unwisely. Don't forget that whatever the finance office giveth, the finance office will taketh away!

Stinson Guest House will accept advance reservations from PCS'ing personnel. Call (706)793-7160 to make reservations. Stinson has 106 rooms and can be found by looking for its green roof.

Make sure that your orders list all family members. Make plenty of copies and don't go anywhere without them.

Be sure to carry appropriate phone numbers while traveling. You may need to call ahead if delayed or if you have an emergency enroute.

Vehicle Ownership

Georgia law requires a minimum of 15/30/10 liability coverage. This means that the insurance would pay up to \$15,000 for a single injury but no more than \$30,000 for any accident. The insurance would also pay a maximum of \$10,000 for property damage in that accident. Obviously, with the high cost of medical care and automobiles, these minimums are not very realistic. Local agents generally recommend at least 25/50/25. Uninsured motorist coverage is also highly recommended. It is fairly inexpensive and will cover you if you're hit by a driver with no insurance or inadequate insurance.

Insurance rates vary widely based on type of car, driving records, and many other factors. Call around to get the best rates, making sure that you give the agents the same information each time. If you will be keeping your coverage with the same company, notify the company so that the policy can be changed. Your rate will probably also change.

You must register your vehicle on post within seven working days of arrival. Vehicle registration is located in Darling Hall. Registrants must show a

valid drivers license, valid ID card, state registration, and proof of insurance.

If looking to buy a car in the Fort Gordon area, check with ACS Financial Readiness at (706)791-4181 for valuable information on the local car business.

Name: Military Police
Address: Bldg 33801
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-2572 Comm (706) 791-2572

Name: Vehicle Registration
Address: Darling Hall
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-3132 Comm (706) 791-3132

Housing and Billeting

For more information on this subject:
<http://www.fortgordon.com/c21lmr.htm>

Modern guest house facilities are available on Fort Gordon for all military personnel. The Stinson Guest House and Annex, Building 37300, located on Avenue of the States, has 106 rooms comparable to quality local accommodations. A duplex is also available, providing additional temporary housing. The guest house is easy to locate by its green gable roof and cupola atop the annex. There is sufficient parking and the Post Exchange, Bank, Credit Union and Commissary are located within walking distance from Stinson Guest House. Picnic tables and barbecue grills are also available for guests. Priority of assignment is provided to permanent change of station personnel, hospital patients and visitors, and graduating student's visitors. Other visitor categories are accepted on a space available basis. Advance reservations are suggested and may be made by calling DSN 780-7183 or commercial (706) 793-7160.

Additional temporary lodging assets include temporary duty accommodations for up to 843 personnel. While 380 rooms are specifically designated for the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, all others are routinely assigned to officers, Department of Defense civilians and other enlisted visitors to the installation. Included are Distinguished Visitor Quarters which are available for general and senior grade officers. Administration of these temporary duty facilities is the responsibility of the Billeting Office, Griffith Hall, Building 250 on Chamberlain Avenue. 791-2277.

Housing

Housing services include on-post family quarters, community housing referral and relocation assistance, bachelor officer and senior enlisted quarters, official visitor billeting and guest house accommodations.

Family quarters are administered by the Housing Office, Building 33720, Darling Hall, 791-4502. Bachelor officer and senior enlisted quarters are administered by the Billeting Office located in Griffith Hall, Building 250, 791-2277. Off-post housing in surrounding communities is listed with the Community Housing Referral and Relocation Office, Building 33720, Darling Hall, 791-2473.

The Family Housing Office staff will counsel eligible married service members on the availability of on-post family quarters and will accept applications for quarters after the service member signs in for duty. The Community Housing Referral and Relocation Office maintains a complete up-to-date listing of available housing within local communities. Because a waiting period exists for on-post family housing for most grades, many personnel must seek temporary housing within the local community. The Community Housing Referral and Relocation Office offers counseling and personal attention to your specific needs, which enables you to choose wisely from various types of off-post housing. Newcomers are required to report to the Community Housing Referral and Relocation Office before seeking off-post quarters. The Billeting Office assigns eligible personnel to its facilities, which vary from single rooms to two-room suites.

Realty Service Center

796-2955

A first for the Army, Fort Gordon's Directorate of Community Activities opened a realty service center on post. Operated by Century 21 Larry Miller Realty, the center provides the military community at Fort Gordon with convenient realty sales and listing services. Century 21 provides these services for customers whether in the local area, across the nation or internationally. Conveniently located in Room 131, Stinson Guest House, Building 37300, interested personnel are invited to visit the center.

Looking for Housing Off Post

If you are looking to buy off post, of course we recommend the Century 21 office on post. However, Century 21 does not handle rental property. If you are looking to rent a house, there is no central registry of available homes. Each individual realtor or management company maintains their own list of properties. Rent, deposits, and utility deposits can vary widely, so it pays to do your homework before signing a lease. If you intend to rent an apartment, there is an Apartment Guide published which lists many apartment complexes. We also recommend that incoming personnel unfamiliar with the Augusta area contact the local law enforcement agencies to check on crime before signing a lease.

Name: Billeting Office
POC: Ira Beaufort
Address: Griffith Hall, Bldg 250
City: Fort Gordon GA, GA 30905
Phone: Comm (706) 791-7835 DSN 780-7835
FAX: (706) 791-9776
Comments: Provide housing for TDY personnel of all ranks, permanent party bachelor officers, and permanent party senior NCO's. There is a waiting list for permanent party personnel.

Name: Community Homefinding Relocation and Referral Service
POC: Olin Osbon
Address: Darling Hall, Room 129
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-2394 Comm (706) 791-2394
FAX: DSN 780-5319 Comm (706) 791-5319
Comments: All newly assigned personnel must report to the CHRRS prior to making any housing selection in the off-post community or prior to entering into any lease.

Name: Family Housing Office
POC: Sandra Grantum
Address: Darling Hall, Room 129
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-2394 Comm (706) 791-2394
FAX: DSN 780-5319 Comm (706) 791-5319

Name: Stinson Guest House
POC: Darietta Nelson
Address: PO Box 7570
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-7183 Comm (706) 793-7160
FAX: Comm (706) 771-6952
Comments: Reservations accepted for PCS in moves 60 days in advance. All others 30 days in advance. All rooms have microwave oven and small refrigerator. Facility has 108 rooms. Absolutely no pets allowed. Check-in time is 1300-1800. Cribs, high chairs, and roll-away beds are available. Laundry facilities, weight room, and playground on site. Adjacent to commissary and PX. Master Card, Visa, and Government American Express accepted.

Money Matters

BASIC BUDGETING GUIDELINES FOR JUNIOR ENLISTED FAMILIES

INCOME

Effective budgeting requires that a soldier make certain that he is receiving all the pay and allowances to which he is entitled. Typically, a married enlisted soldier living off-post should be receiving base pay, basic allowance for housing (BAH), and basic allowance for subsistence (BAS). Take note that the BAH rate is paid based on the location, so it will vary from post to post and even from year to year. BAS replaces the soldier's meal card and is paid only when the soldier is not being fed in the form of rations. Therefore, BAS payment could stop immediately if the soldier is deployed, goes into the field, or goes on an unaccompanied tour. **DO NOT INCLUDE BAS AS INCOME WHEN BUDGETING.** This amount should be used for savings or to pay extra on debts. **DO NOT INCUR NEW DEBTS OR EXPENSES THAT CANNOT BE PAID WITHOUT RECEIVING BAS.** Most of the deductions from pay are beyond the soldier's control, with the exception of income tax withholding. It makes little sense for a soldier to have excess income tax withheld and then receive a huge refund the next spring. The W-4 worksheet may not be the most accurate method for determining the proper withholding, so contact ACS tax preparers to get the correct amount.

SHELTER

While everyone has a different financial situation, a junior enlisted family should usually plan to spend about \$325 to \$400 per month for rent. This assumes that utilities are paid separately. When searching for

a place to live, be very careful not to choose a location that is dangerously close to criminal activity. If you sign a lease and then regret it, it may be too late. Check with ACS and with local police to avoid moving into a trouble spot. Utilities will probably cost \$50-100 per month, not including telephone. It is important to set some rules on long-distance calling. Young enlisted families cannot afford to have phone bills exceeding about \$50 per month.

FOOD

Very few families know how much they actually spend on groceries. Even though most groceries may be bought in one or two trips to the store, it is hard to keep track of the many trips to pick up milk, bread, etc. The Department of Agriculture periodically publishes a table of estimated cost for food at home. A simplified version of this table would allow \$210 per month for two adults and an additional \$50 per child. Your family needs may vary, but this is a good starting point.

AUTO INSURANCE

You won't have much say-so on this one if you already own the car. Rates are determined by the type of car, the driver's age, sex, etc., and driving records. Insurance costs may vary greatly from one geographical area to another. Liability insurance is usually required by the state. Collision and comprehensive coverage is required by the lienholder on the vehicle.

OTHER AUTO EXPENSE

Most people spend much more than they think for gasoline. Try to limit driving, combine trips, and keep the vehicle in good working order. Even small things, such as proper tire inflation, can help save money. Look to the Auto Craft Shop and other alternatives for routine maintenance.

CLOTHING

Investigate clothing exchange programs, consignment shops, and other sources for clothes, especially for kids. The ACS Swap & Assist Program is a great source of clean, good used clothes. It is located in the Brems Barracks area, building 39101. No matter where the clothes come from, they still must be washed. Depending on number and ages

of children, the typical family will spend \$20-40 per month washing clothes at a laundromat.

ENTERTAINMENT

Junior enlisted families must find ways to get the maximum for their entertainment dollar. Going to a matinee, sharing a family size popcorn, and sharing co-op babysitting are easy ways to save a few dollars. Some entertainment, such as going to a park or for a walk, are still appreciated but cost nothing. While some people think that cable TV is a luxury and should be eliminated from tight budgets, it is still a great entertainment value if used in lieu of more expensive options. Without premium movie channels, cable TV typically costs less than one dollar per day!

DEBTS

YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT!!! Of course, many young Army families start out with some debts, and your only option is to pay these. Do not go out and run up new debts for items which are not absolutely necessary. A bed is necessary, a stereo is not! We live in a society that believes in instant gratification, having it all right now. On a soldier's pay, with a young family, you cannot have it all now without having the debts to pay for years. Keep in mind that all the stuff your parents have took years to get, so why should you expect to get all the same stuff in six months? Also keep in mind that it will take about seven years to pay off \$1000.00 charged on a typical credit card if the minimum monthly payments are made.

CARS

Before buying a car, get some professional advice. Remember, the guy at the dealership sells cars everyday and you only buy one every few years, so you need all the help you can get. Call ACS at 791-4181 for an appointment.

Name: Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program
POC: Lanny Valentine
Address: Darling Hall, Room 367
City: Fort Gordon, GA 30905
Phone: DSN 780-4181 Comm (706) 791-4181
FAX: DSN 780-7880 Comm (706) 791-7880

At A Glance

Facility/Services Summary

<i>--Officer and Enlisted Population--</i>			
Active Duty Officer	1414	Active Duty Warrant Officer	191
Guard Reserve Officer	136	Guard Reserve Warrant Officer	0
Retired (Officer and Enlisted)	11882	Foreign Service Officers	38
Active Duty Enlisted	8772	Guard Reserve Enlisted	562
Foreign Service Enlisted	12		
<i>--Civilians--</i>			
Civil Service	2252	Wage Grade	0
Non-Appropriated Funds	483	Family Members -on and off Installation-	4690
<i>--Family Services--</i>			
Family Centers	1	Teen Centers	1
Child Day Care	2	Family Child Care Certified Homes	20
Total Child Capacity	345	Total Child Capacity	120
Average Waiting List Time -Months-	1		
<i>--Other Services--</i>			
Commissary	1	Exchanges	1
Shoppettes	2	Gas Stations	2
Movie Theaters	1	Banks and Credit Unions	2
McDonalds/Burger King	2	Other i.e. Exchange concessionaires	2

Housing Summary

<i>--Officer Housing--</i>			
Senior Officer Waiting		Senior Officer 3 Bed Room	
Senior Officer 4 Bed Room		Senior Officer Other	
Company Grade Officer Waiting		Company Grade Officer 2 Bed Room	
Company Grade Officer 3 Bed Room		Company Grade Officer 4 Bed Room	
Company Grade Officer Other		BOQ	
<i>--Enlisted Housing--</i>			
Senior Enlisted Waiting		Senior Enlisted 3 Bed Room	
Senior Enlisted 4 Bed Room		Senior Enlisted Other	
Enlisted Waiting		Enlisted 2 Bed Room	
Enlisted 3 Bed Room		Enlisted Other	
BEQ		Transient Lodging Facilities	843

Education Summary

<i>Name</i>	<i>Numbers</i>
Elementary School	0
Jr High/Middle School	0
High School	0

Local Community Summary

<i>Type of Housing</i>	<i>Avg.</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>High</i>
Apartment Rent	383	300	600
House Rent	619	400	900
House Price - Single Family	69	35000	200000
Townhouse/Condominium Price	59	30000	100000

Medical and Dental Summary

<i>--Medical Facilities--</i>					
Medical Treatment Facilities	Y	Number of Beds	333	Medical Clinic	2
Alcohol	N	Allergy	Y	Audiology	Y
Cardiology	Y	Coronary care	Y	Dermatology	Y
Dietary	Y	Emergency room	Y	Endocrinology	Y
Family Practice	Y	General surgery	Y	Gynecology	Y
HIV Unit	Y	Hematology	Y	Immunization	Y
Infect Disease	Y	Intensive Care	Y	Laboratory	Y
Mental Health	Y	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	Y	Nuclear Medicine	Y
Nephrology	Y	Neurology	Y	Neurosurgery	N
Obstetrics	Y	Oncology	Y	Ophthalmology	Y
Optometry	Y	Orthopedics	Y	Otolaryngology	Y
Pathology	Y	Pediatrics	Y	Physical Therapy	Y
Podiatry	Y	Primary Care	Y	Radiology	Y
Rheumatology	Y	Urology	Y		
<i>--Dental Facilities--</i>					
Dental Clinics	3	Adolescent	Y	Endodontics	Y
General Dentistry	Y	Oral Surgery	Y	Orthodontics	Y
Pedodontist	Y	Periodontics	Y		

Relocation and Support Services Summary

<i>--Military Clubs--</i>			
Officers Club	1	Non-Commissioned Officers Club	1
Enlisted Club	1		
<i>--Recreation--</i>			
Arts and Crafts	0	Automobile Hobby Centers	1
Bowling Centers	1	Recreational Centers	0
Libraries	2	Music and Theater Locations	1
<i>--Physical Fitness/Sports--</i>			
9 Hole Golf Courses	1	18 Hole Golf Courses	1
Gyms/Physical Fitness Centers	4	Jogging Paths	2
Tennis Clubs/Courts	16	Tennis Courts - Lighted	12
Swimming Pools - Public	3		
<i>--Nature/Outdoor Activities--</i>			
Outdoor Recreation Centers	1	Campgrounds	1
Fishing Areas	2	Horse Stables	1

APPENDIX

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